

ANNUAL REPORTS

Of the TOWN OFFICERS and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the TOWN OF
SOUTHBRIDGE

For the Year Ending
December 31,
1916

COMMERCIAL PRESS, INC.
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Town Officers for 1916=17

TREASURER

Herbert E. Wells

CLERK

William W. Buckley

SELECTMEN

Alexis Boyer, Jr.

Wilfrid J. Lamoureux

Alex. L. Desaulniers

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Eugene Matte

Gedeon Pinsonneault, Jr.

Narcisse Peloquin

ASSESSORS

Joseph Gagnon	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
W. H. McGilpin	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
Antoine Farland	-	-	-	Term expires 1919

BOARD OF HEALTH

Wm. S. Conway, M. D.	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
J. A. Caron	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
Jos. E. Donais, M. D.	-	-	-	Term expires 1919

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Aimee Langevin

TOWN OFFICERS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ferdinand A. Wald	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
George L. Tully	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
Joseph G. E. Page	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
Albert B. Wells	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
P. H. Hebert	-	-	-	Term expires 1919
Herman S. Cheney	-	-	-	Term expires 1919

TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Alexis Boyer, Jr.	John M. Cochran
George Grant	Francis L. Chapin
Fred E. Corbin	John E. Paige
Louis O. Rieutord	For the Fund
For the Town	

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Morris H. Marcy	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
Adolphe Peloquin	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
Clarence F. Morse	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
John E. Seagrave	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
M. D. Morrill	-	-	-	Term expires 1919
Wardwell M. Edwards	-	-	-	Term expires 1919

CONSTABLES

Pierre Caplette	Andrew M. Higgins	Patrick Donnelly
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TAX COLLECTOR

Eugene E. Gabree

PLANNING BOARD

Henry C. Cady	George Grant
Wm. H. Campbell	Jos. E. O'Shaughnessy
Felix Gatineau	Louis O. Rieutord
Herbert E. Wells	

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

James Pendergast	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
Joseph A. Allard	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
George H. Dumas	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1919

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS

Louis Dupuis	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1917
Edward Leclair	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1918
Ephrem Chicoine	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1919

TREE WARDEN

Pierre Benoit

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS**TOWN COUNSEL**

L. O. Rieutord

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Fred E. Corbin

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

George T. Armes

POUND KEEPER

Joseph Payant

KEEPER OF LOCKUP

Napoleon Giroux

Assistant, Joseph D. Proulx

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL BUILDING

Pierre Caplette

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Joseph Lafleche, 2nd.

CATTLE INSPECTOR

Wm. T. Pugh, V. S.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Felix Gatineau

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

S. D. Perry

Moses Gagnon

J. J. O'Shaughnessy

Wm. W. Buckley, Clerk

FIRE ENGINEERS

Joseph E. Duchesneau, Chief

Louis Lamothe,

John J. Hogan

George W. Laughnane

J. Willard Claffin

Thomas Heffernan, Superintendent of Fire Alarm

FIRE WARDENS

Aimee Langevin

W. J. Wadleigh

Louis Pontbriand

Chas. Blackmer

Alfred Giroux

John Keenan

Frank Brissette

Adelard Bouchard

George Clemence

Jos. Payant

Alex. L'Heureux

POLICE OFFICERS

John S. Hefner

Origene Lacasse

Thomas Troy

Jules Blain

Geo. H. Chaffin

D. A. Kenney

Jules Theriault

Joseph Payant

Louis Meunier

Thomas Nichols

Prosper Proulx

Joseph D. Proulx

George Hebert

Joseph Roy

H. S. Freeman

Napoleon Boiteau

Dennis Dooley

J. H. Montigny

Felix Gatineau

Fostinio Denterie

Felix Cadarette

Patrick H. Monahan

Miss Margaret Butler

Robert Gregson

Raymond A. Rice

Warren Wells

Daniel Cudworth

Eugene Matte

Roy Sanders

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Frank E. Randall
E. C. Ellis
Mederic Duhamel
Alfred McKinstry
Thomas Hughes
Clarence Morse
Dennis Langevin
Wardwell M. Edwards
E. I. Knowles
Albert R. Webster
E. D. Buell
George Bertrand
Dona Vary
Joseph Laroche
Origene Lacasse
Henry Marie

John Bombardier
John Grenier
Adolphe St. Pierre
Geo. E. Morse
C. Russell Morse
Herbert E. Carpenter
John St. Martin
A. D. Cornell
Leon Harwood
Aimee Langevin
George A. Clemence
Elliott Clemence
A. M. Badger
Felix Lamothe
Severn Jolicoeur
Chas. Christenson

FENCE VIEWERS

Henry A. Morse

George H. Clemence

C. M. Morse

FIELD DRIVERS

Arthur Desaulniers
Albert McGrath
J. Frank Morrissey
Frank O. Lynch

Arthur Pontbriand
Edward McManus
Hormidas Tremblay

TRUANT OFFICERS

Pierre Caplette

Miss Margaret Butler

Jules Theriault

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

E. C. Ellis
A. D. Cornell
Mederic Duhamel
James R. Harris
H. H. Clemence

Thomas Hughes
Everett M. Morse
George H. Clemence
George Simpson
A. J. Harwood

MEASURER OF LEATHER

Felix Gatineau

UNIFORM POLICE FORCE

Napoleon Giroux, Chief

Andrew M. Higgins
Oliver Paul, Jr.
Pierre Cormier
Alpherie Duplessis
Ulric Brault

Joseph Paquin
Patrick Donnelly
Daniel Blute
Honore St. Martin

SOLDIERS' BURIAL OFFICER

George W. Corey

Annual Report of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes

Current year,	\$147,070 17	
Previous years,	26,561 81	
From State:		
Corporation Tax,	7,268 34	
Street Railways,	887 96	
National Bank,	517 67	
Total Taxes,	<hr/>	\$182,305 95

Licenses and Permits

Liquor and Druggist,	\$16,128 75	
Junk,	45 00	
Peddlers,	198 00	
Pool and Billiards,	68 00	
Milk,	15 00	
Common Victualer,	102 00	
Circus,	10 00	
All others,	12 00	
Total Licenses,	<hr/>	\$16,578 75

Fines and Permits

Court,	\$655 00
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Grants and Gifts

County:

Dog Licenses,	\$603 85
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Soldiers' Exemption from State,	56 38
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From Individuals,	52 50
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Total Grants and Gifts,	—————	\$712 73
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All Other General Revenue

Unclaimed Checks,	\$73 50
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE**Special Assessments**

Unapportioned Sewer,	\$5,291 58
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Apportioned Sewer,	104 34
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Sidewalk,	2,626 59
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Special Sewer Assessment,	23 54
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Total Assessments,	—————	\$8,046 05
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Privileges

Excise Tax,	\$1,549 38
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General Revenue

Town Hall Rent,	\$354 00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Fire Department**

Sale of Old Material,	\$ 1 64
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Town of Sturbridge,	75 00
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Rent of Engine House,	45 00
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Total Fire Department,	—————	\$121 64
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Inspection

Sealer of Weights and Measures,	\$106 73
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Health and Sanitation

Contagious Diseases,	\$81 29
Tuberculosis,	70 00
Total Health and Sanitation, ————	\$151 29

Highways

From State:

No. Woodstock Road,	\$1,994 96
Consolidated St. Ry. Co.,	1,494 76
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	1,500 00
All other,	54 72
Total Highways, ————	\$5,044 44

Charities

Almshouse:

Sale of Produce,	\$638 72
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Outside Relief:

Cities and Towns,	297 56
State,	12 26
Individuals,	152 84
Mother's Aid from State,	2,070 14
Total Charities, ————	\$3,171 52

Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid,	\$1,020 00
Military Aid,	225 00
Soldiers' Burials,	50 00
Total Soldiers' Benefits, ————	\$1,295 00

Schools

Tuition,	\$667 75	
Sale of Books and Supplies,	9 55	
Car Tickets,	63 00	
All other,	1 27	
Total Schools,	—————	\$741 57

Library

Fines, etc.,	\$184 71
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Playgrounds

Bath Houses,	\$35 00
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Centennial Celebration

Sale of Fobs, etc.,	\$511 83
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Cemetery

Sale of Lots and Graves,	\$180 00	
Grading Lots,	18 00	
Total Cemetery,	—————	\$198 00

Interest

Taxes,	\$839 43	
Deposits,	1,813 14	
Committed Sewer Ass't Interest,	8 49	
Trust Funds:		
Perpetual Care Funds,	853 92	
Sinking Fund,	640 00	
Total Interest,	—————	\$4,154 98

Debt**Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of revenue, \$183,000 00

General Loans:

High School Building, 82,000 00

Macadam and Block Pav-
ing, 10,100 00

Cement Bridges and Ce-
ment Pavement, 9,000 00

River Road, 5,000 00

Premiums, 1,086 20

Total from Loans, ————— \$290,186 20

Agency**State and Non-Resident Bank**

Tax, \$16,733 23

Tax Collected for County, 8,400 00

Liquor Licenses for State, 5,376 25

Total Agency, ————— \$30,509 48

Trust Funds

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, \$350 00

Refunds and Transfers**Refunds:**

Interest, \$229 79

Departmental, 287 28

Transfers:

Highways from Schools, 2 00

Highways from Fire Depart-
ment, 13 45

Dresser St. and various street sewers from Maple St. Sewer,	21 78	
Sewer Assessment from School,	105 06	
Centennial Celebration from Bath Houses Account,	50 00	
Town Hall from High School,	600 00	
Total Refunds and Transfers, —————		\$1,309 36
Total Receipts and Transfers,		\$548,347 11
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1916,		16,446 33
		<u>\$564,793 44</u>

PAYMENTS

General Government

Legislative:		
Moderator,		\$60 00
Selectmen:		
Selectmen's salaries,	\$800 00	
Clerk's salary,	75 00	
Stationery and postage,	14 75	
Printing and advertising,	126 91	
Carfares, teams, etc.,	38 00	
Telephone,	151 57	
Plans, surveys, etc.,	238 45	
Typewriter, $\frac{1}{2}$ of cost,	31 00	
All other expenses,	367 85	
	<u> </u>	\$1,843 53

Accountant:

Salary,	\$1,000 00	
Stationery and postage,	15 37	
Typewriter, $\frac{1}{2}$ of cost,	30 00	
All other,	12 95	
	<hr/>	\$1,058 32

Treasurer:

Salary,	\$700 00	
Security bond,	100 00	
Stationery and postage,	80 63	
Printing and advertising,	3 75	
Telephone,	21 33	
Adding Machine,	150 00	
All other,	19 19	
	<hr/>	\$1,074 90

Collector:

Salary for 1915,	\$150 00	
Salary for 1916,	500 00	
Stationery and postage,	152 79	
Printing and advertising,	41 25	
Telephone,	25 15	
Security bond,	267 95	
Typewriter,	40 00	
All other,	21 27	
	<hr/>	\$1,198 41

Assessors:

Salaries,	\$1,652 50
Interpreters,	39 25
Stationery and postage,	50 88
Printing and advertising,	518 95

Carfares, teams, etc.,	69 60	
Telephone,	29 49	
Plans,	250 00	
Typewriter,	100 00	
Abstracts and special services,	81 91	
All others,	28 31	
	<hr/>	\$2,820 89

Other Finance Offices and Accounts:

Certifying town notes,	\$104 00
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Law:

Town Counsel, salary,	\$600 00	
Telephone,	21	
All other,	53 11	
	<hr/>	\$653 32

Town Clerk:

Salary,	\$460 00	
Printing and advertising,	22 00	
Telephone,	16 50	
All others,	38	
	<hr/>	\$498 88

Election and Registration:

Registrars' salaries,	\$257 60	
Election officers,	621 50	
Printing and advertising,	395 25	
Meals,	188 50	
All other,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,482 85

Town Hall:

Janitor's salary,	\$792 00	
Extra work and help,	153 86	
Fuel,	404 27	
Light,	210 09	
Janitor's supplies,	23 10	
Repairs,	1,168 67	
Decorating,	25 00	
Water supply,	109 28	
All other,	82 59	
	<hr/>	\$2,968 86

Less:

Amount for high school expenses,	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,368 86

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department**Salaries and wages:**

Chief,	\$1,200 00
Patrolmen,	8,499 91
Special Police,	118 75
Special police for strike duty,	1,511 51
Board and rooms for special police,	1,089 30

Auto hire for strike	
duty,	410 00
Auto and team hire,	292 00
Other employees,	30 36
	<u> </u> \$13,151 83

Equipment and repairs:

Equipment for men,		\$64 05
Fuel and light:		
Fuel,	\$75 30	
Light,	137 69	
	<u> </u>	\$212 99

Maintenance of Building:

Repairs,	\$40 60	
Janitor's supplies,	40 12	
All other,	117 34	
	<u> </u>	\$198 06

Other Expenses:

Stationery, printing		
and postage,	\$48 60	
Telephone,	78 58	
Police signal,	579 35	
Rent,	560 00	
Transportation and		
care of prisoners,	266 42	
All other,	75 80	
	<u> </u>	\$1,608 75

Total police depart-
ment,

\$15,235 68

Fire Department**Salaries and Wages:**

Engineers,	\$625 00	
Chief,	300 00	
Permanent chauff-		
feurs,	1,833 95	
Call men,	4,255 25	
Other employees,	43 60	
	<hr/>	\$7,057 80
Horse Hire,		543 51

Equipment and Repairs:

Apparatus,	\$438 04	
Hose,	373 00	
Equipment for men,	237 53	
Alarm, boxes, etc.,	1,146 98	
All other,	75 51	
	<hr/>	\$2,271 06

Fuel and light:

Fuel,	\$596 52	
Light,	239 94	
	<hr/>	\$836 46

Maintenance of Building:

Repairs,	\$1,177 19	
Furniture and Fur-		
nishings,	37 55	
Laundry work,	25 08	
All Other,	92 54	
	<hr/>	\$1,332 36

Other Expenses:

Stationery, printing and postage,	\$10 60	
Telephone,	121 45	
Gasoline and oil,	218 16	
Decoration,	35 00	
All other,	59 10	
	<u> </u>	\$444 31
		<u> </u> \$12,485 50

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Salary,	\$620 90	
Telephone,	5 68	
Stationery,	8 15	
Printing and advertising,	8 50	
Carfares, teams, etc.,	64 50	
New equipment,	37 17	
All other,	5 10	
	<u> </u>	\$750 00

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extermination

Labor,	\$153 50	
Teams,	14 25	
Stationery, printing and postage,	15 00	
All other,	6 00	
	<u> </u>	\$188 75

Tree Warden

Superintendent,	\$16 50
Labor,	54 70

Teams,	7 75	
Hardware and tools,	3 35	
Arsenate of lead,	60 00	
Cutting Trees:		
Labor,	\$8 00	
Teams,	7 70	
All other,	28 50	
	<hr/>	\$186 50

Forest Fires

Warden,	\$2 75	
Fighting Fires,	42 16	
Apparatus,	1 83	
Team hire,	11 75	
Brooms, etc.,	4 40	
All other,	14 15	
	<hr/>	\$77 04

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health

General Administration:

Salary of Board	
of Health,	\$150 00
Agent,	100 00
Stationery and post-	
age,	8 00
Printing and adver-	
tising,	7 60

Telephone,	35	
All other	81 50	
	<hr/>	\$347 45

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases

Board and treat- ment,	7 14	
Guards and nurses,	57 00	
Drugs and medicines,	5 25	
Groceries and pro- visions,	120 52	
Hospitals,	67 15	
Taking cultures,	45 48	
All other,	36 60	
	<hr/>	\$339 14

Tuberculosis:

Board and treat- ment,	\$925 33	
Dispensary,	131 00	
All other,	42 89	
	<hr/>	\$1,099 22

Vital Statistics:

Births,	\$75 25	
Deaths,	47 00	
	<hr/>	\$122 25

Other Expenses:

Plumbing inspec- tor,	\$900 00	
All other,	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$905 75

Inspection**School Children:**

Salaries,	\$352 70	
Expenses,	10 36	
	<u> </u>	\$363 06

Animal Inspector:

Salary,	\$125 00	
Expenses,	7 09	
	<u> </u>	\$132 09

Meat and Provisions:

Salary,	\$200 00	
Expenses,	13 75	
	<u> </u>	\$213 75

Milk:

Salary,	\$50 00	
Total health,	<u> </u>	\$3,572 71

Refuse and Garbage

Collecting refuse and garbage as per contract,	\$1,541 00
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Clean-up Week**Paid by the board of health:**

Labor,	\$22 50	
Teams,	23 63	
By selectmen, labor,	13 00	
Teams,	13 50	
	<u> </u>	\$72 63

Sewer Maintenance

Administration:

Commissioners,	\$300 00	
Stationery, printing and postage,	3 00	
	<u> </u>	\$303 00

General:

Labor,	\$745 25	
Teams,	21 94	
All other,	173 97	
	<u> </u>	\$941 16
Total sewer,		<u> </u> \$1,244 16

Street Cleaning

Cleaning Main and Hamilton Streets:

Labor,	\$714 11	
Teams,	425 28	
Equipment,	252 99	
	<u> </u>	\$1,392 38

General Cleaning:

Labor,	621 24	
Teams,	358 38	
All other,	13 00	
	<u> </u>	\$992 62

Cleaning Catch Basins:

Labor,	\$280 00	
Teams,	212 19	
	<u> </u>	\$492 19

Total street cleaning	<u> </u>	\$2,877 19
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Highways

General Administration:

Highway Surveyor,

1915 and 1916, \$1,400 00

Telephone, 27 00

Other expenses, 20 79

————— \$1,447 79

General Maintenance:

Labor, \$3,017 99

Teams, 2,263 4

Broken stone,

grave etc., 758 31

Equipment and

repairs, 429 78

All other, 55 84

————— \$6,525 35

Sidewalk Repairs:

Labor, \$1,166 59

Teams, 340 68

Materials, 1,324 20

All other, 155 48

————— \$2,986 95

Snow and Ice:

Labor, \$998 43

Teams, 524 87

Sand, etc., 57 75

————— \$1,581 05

Street Sprinkling:

Labor,	\$45 25	
Teams,	203 00	
Materials,	2,212 30	
All other,	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,471 05
Total highways,		<hr/> \$15,012 19

Street Lights

Contract,	\$13,599 46
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Bridges

Labor,	\$631 79	
Teams,	381 92	
Crushed stone, gravel, etc.	170 32	
Cement,	727 09	
Materials,	402 97	
Equipment and repairs,	61 92	
All other,	51 68	
	<hr/>	\$2,427 69

Railings

Labor,	\$56 18	
Teams,	5 25	
Materials,	272 88	
Lumber,	39 84	
Equipment and repairs,	8 20	
Painting,	13 08	
	<hr/>	\$395 43

Maintenance of Permanent Roads

Labor,	\$519 73	
Teams,	205 24	
Cement,	17 64	
Crushed stone,	404 00	
Tarvia,	847 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,993 61

CHARITIES

Outside Relief

General Administration:

Salaries,	\$225 00	
Stationery, printing and postage,	33 84	
All other,	136 12	
	<hr/>	\$394 96

Outside Relief by Town:

Groceries and provisions,	\$3,997 26	
Coal and wood,	249 60	
Board and care,	1,962 56	
Medicines and medical attend- ance,	81 75	
State Institutions,	235 52	
Penalty, failure to make report,	115 00	
Dry goods and shoes,	93 84	

Burials,	104 00	
All other,	143 76	
	<hr/>	\$6,983 29

Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities,	\$1,418 70	
Towns,	193 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,611 75

Mothers' Aid:

By Town,	\$3,755 00	
Other Cities and Towns,	142 67	
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Total Outside Relief,	<hr/>	\$12,887 67
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Almshouse

Superintendent,	\$600 00	
Other employees,	403 20	
Groceries and provisions,	1,569 54	
Dry goods and clothing,	111 01	
Building,	355 56	
Fuel and lights,	409 48	
Hay and grain,	792 35	
Telephone,	1 55	
New stock,	97 00	
All other,	513 71	
Total Almshouse,	<hr/>	\$4,853 40

Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid,	\$1,068 00	
Military Aid,	444 00	
Soldiers' Relief:		
Fuel,	111 25	
Groceries and provisions,	126 00	
Cash,	1,095 50	
Medicines and medical attend- ance,	73 25	
All other,	4 50	
	—————	\$1,410 50
Total Soldiers' Benefits,	—————	\$2,922 50

Schools

Administration:

Salary of Superin- tendent,	\$2,250 00	
Truant officers,	300 00	
Stationery, printing and postage,	186 97	
Telephone,	39 87	
Traveling expenses,	14 96	
School census,	45 26	
Office equipment,	84 37	
All other,	182 71	
	—————	\$3,104 14

Teachers' Salaries:

High,	\$6,417 36	
Elementary,	17,720 47	
Evening,	907 00	
Supervisors,	1,220 00	
	<u> </u>	\$26,264 83

Text Books and Supplies**High:**

Text books,	\$236 75
All other,	157 59

Elementary:

Text books,	648 57
All other,	1,040 39

Evening:

Text books,	5 60	
	<u> </u>	\$2,088 90

Transportation:

Elementary,	\$1,555 70
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Janitors' Services:

Elementary,	\$2,142 88
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Fuel and Lights:

Elementary,	\$1,863 68	
Evening,	11 95	
	<hr/>	\$1,875 83

Tuition:

Elementary,	\$27 50
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Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds**High:**

Repairs,	\$29 15
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Use of Town Hall	600 00
Janitor's supplies,	13 90
All other,	70 00

Elementary:

Repairs,	\$1,539 61
Janitors' supplies,	26 65
All other,	608 84
	<u>\$2,888 15</u>

Furniture and Furnishings:

Elementary,	\$193 14
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Other Expenses:

Diplomas and Grad-	
uation exercises,	9 00
Miscellaneous print-	
ing,	54 00
All other	191 51

\$254 51

Total Schools, \$40,395 38

Library

Salaries:

Librarian,	\$999 96
Assistants,	795 55
Janitors',	687 52
	<u>\$2,483 03</u>

Books, Periodicals, etc.:

Books,	\$1,005 64
Periodicals,	9 00
	<u>\$1,014 64</u>

Binding:

Books,	\$51 16	
Periodicals,	89 74	
	<u> </u>	\$140 90

Fuel and Lights:

Fuel,	\$512 86	
Lights,	257 74	
	<u> </u>	\$770 60

Building:

Repairs,	\$295 13	
Furniture and fur-		
nishings,	19 00	
All other,	78 13	
	<u> </u>	\$392 26

Other Expenses:

Stationery, print-		
ing and postage,	\$61 80	
Telephone,	36 25	
All other,	100 49	
	<u> </u>	\$198 54

Total Library,	<u> </u>	\$4,999 97
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Playgrounds

Instructors,	\$1,242 65
Labor,	102 60
Apparatus,	86 54
Sand,	22 50
Prizes,	25 21
Teachers' supplies,	193 95
Athletic supplies,	50 84

Rent of grounds,	60 00	
Repairs,	33 25	
All other,	177 59	
Total Playgrounds,	—————	\$1,995 13

Bath Houses

Lumber and other		
material,	\$211 66	
Labor,	103 04	
All other,	59 59	
Total Bath Houses,	—————	\$374 29

UNCLASSIFIED

Centennial Celebration

Music,	\$599 36	
Decorations,	271 05	
Stationery, print-		
ing and postage,	1,022 88	
Groceries, etc.,	29 96	
Watch fobs,	363 73	
Buttons,	115 96	
Arch,	351 20	
Fireworks,	739 16	
Meals and rooms		
for officers,	54 00	
Costumes and badges,	133 08	
Reviewing stand,	143 70	
Prizes,	109 85	

Signs,	81 80	
Labor,	187 76	
All other,	546 85	
	<hr/>	\$4,750 34

Band Concerts

Music,	\$225 00
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Damages to Persons and Personal Property

Damages,	\$820 00
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Memorial Day

G. A. R.	\$150 00	
S. W. V.	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00
Care of graves,		125 00

Annual Reports

Printing,	\$349 75
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Care of Town Clock

Labor,	\$40 00
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Searching Parties

Labor,	\$38 50	
Teams,	6 00	
Food,	4 45	
Bathing Suits,	5 50	
Medical attendance,	2 00	
Boats,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$57 95

Insurance

Town Hall,	\$397 75	
Town farm,	142 90	
Stone Crusher,	62 50	
School Department,	244 88	
Library,	114 48	
Employees' Liability,	769 86	
	<hr/>	\$1,732 37
Auditing Municipal Accounts,		\$492 48

Water Supply

Drinking fountains	\$356 76	
Bubblers,	10 42	
Care of bubblers,	13 92	
Ice for bubblers,	327 30	
Hydrants,	4,454 18	
All other,	16 93	
	<hr/>	\$5,179 51

Cemetery**Salaries:**

Superintendent,	\$300 00	
Labor,	804 44	
Teams,	83 64	
	<hr/>	\$1,188 08

Other expenses,

Shrubs, etc.,	\$62 50	
Tools,	10 50	
All other,	38 25	
	<hr/>	\$111 25

Total Cemetery, \$1,299 33

Interest
Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue,	\$2,840 25
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General Loans:

Sewer,	\$3,162 50
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Highway,	3,134 14
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School,	2,610 53
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Auto truck,	270 00
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Soldiers' Monument,	315 00
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Public Park,	103 34
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	<hr/> \$12,435 76
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Debts
Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue,	\$180,000 00
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General Loans:

Sewer,	\$4,000 00
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Highway,	16,650 00
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School,	3,100 00
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Auto truck,	5,000 00
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Soldiers' Monument,	1,000 00
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Public Park,	1,000 00
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Total Indebtedness,	<hr/> \$210,750 00
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Agency
State and non-resident bank tax

collected for State	\$16 733 23
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Liquor licenses collected

for State,	5,376 25
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Tax collected for county,	8,400 00
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Total Agency,	<hr/> \$30,509 48
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Sinking Funds

Interest Deposited,	\$640 00
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Refunds and Transfers**Refunds:**

Interest,	\$229 79
Sewer Assestments,	91 14
Departmental,	196 14

Transfers:

School,	707 06
Sidewalk repairs,	13 45
Bath houses,	50 00
Dresser St. Sewer,	21 78

Total Refunds and Transfers,	\$1,309 36
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OUTLAY**Sewer****Chestnut St. Sewer:**

Labor,	\$656 98
Dynamite, etc.,	40 00
Drilling,	135 85
Surveys, etc.,	88 60
Material,	368 86
Equipment and repairs,	28 76
Liability Insurance,	43 30
All other,	12 95
	\$1,375 30

Elm St. Sewer:

Labor,	\$11 50
Surveys, etc.,	6 50
	\$18 00

Maple St. Sewer:

Labor,	\$11 44	
Material,	23 88	
	<u> </u>	\$35 32

Dresser and various st. Sewers:

Labor,	\$3,811 60	
Material,	219 89	
Liability insurance,	290 79	
Surveys, etc.,	190 13	
Equipment and repairs,	190 13	
Drilling,	416 61	
Pipe,	1,028 43	
Dynamite and exploders,	635 58	
All other,	91 64	
	<u> </u>	\$6,864 58
Total Sewers,		<u> </u> \$8,293 20

Sidewalks

Mechanic St. Sidewalk:

Labor,	\$111 31	
Teams,	34 65	
Lumber,	33 40	
Cement,	346 20	
Equipment and repairs,	18 75	
All other,	26 80	
	<u> </u>	\$571 11

School St. Sidewalk:

Labor,	273 75
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Teams,	148 57	
Cement,	263 50	
Crushed stone,	179 75	
Material,	24 05	
Equipment and repairs,	54 55	
Survey, etc.	30 15	
All other,	10 38	
	<hr/>	\$984 70

Main St. Sidewalk:

Labor and mat- terial,	\$1,723 47	
Teams,	207 55	
Sand and crushed stone,	197 05	
Survey,	24 05	
All other,	37 51	
	<hr/>	\$2,189 63

Total Sidewalks,	<hr/>	\$3,745 44
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Highways

East Main St. Macadam:

Tarvia,	\$693 98
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Dudley River Road:

State Treasurer,	\$5,000 00
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Plimpton St. Extension:

Labor,	\$194 45	
Lumber,	181 58	
Equipment and repairs,	5 45	
All other,	11 47	
	<hr/>	\$392 95

Crane St. Macadam:

Contract,	\$1,000 00
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Mechanic St. Macadam:

Crushed stone,	\$108 38
All other,	26 32
Dynamite,	15 00
Frames and grates,	33 00
Coal,	5 15
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	\$187 85

North Woodstock Road:

Contract,	\$4,995 00
All other,	6 55
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	\$5,001 55

Mechanic St. Paving:

Contract,	\$5,572 34
Survey, etc.,	37 30
All other,	15 00
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	\$5,624 65

Elm St. Paving:

Contract,	\$5,834 49
Survey, etc.,	43 20
All other,	14 15
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	\$5,900 84

Eastford Road Macadam:

Labor,	\$80 50
Teams,	47 26
Coal,	84 05
Dynamite and exploders,	24 00
Culverts,	20 70

Contract,	576 13	
All other,	40 46	
	<hr/>	\$873 10

South St. Macadam:

Stone,	90	
Total Highways,	<hr/>	\$24,675 82

Bridges

Lebanon Brook Bridge:

Labor,	\$724 35	
Teams,	364 21	
Survey, etc.,	220 26	
Cement and material,	857 29	
Crushed Stone,	157 48	
Iron rods,	631 40	
All other,	32 35	
	<hr/>	\$2,987 34

New High School Building

Inspector,	\$ 957 00	
Plans,	3,500 00	
Extra,	4,330 40	
Contract,	33,977 70	
All other,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$42,815 10

Primary School

Plans,	\$1,138 98
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River St. School Lot

Purchase of lot,	\$2,802 48
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Total payments and transfers,	510,626 53
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1916:	54,166 91
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	\$564,793 44

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1916

REVENUE

Revenue Cash,					
Uncollected Taxes 1914,	\$43 56	\$11,313 04	Anticipation Revenue Loans,	\$899 44	\$33,000 00
Uncollected Taxes 1915,	4,757 50		Overlay 1915	2,485 47	
Uncollected Taxes 1916,	23,531 62		Overlay 1916		\$3,384 91
		\$28,332 68	Sewer assessment revenue,		3,865 35
			Sidewalk assessment revenue,		1,441 52
		\$2,500 00	Reserve account		75 02
Street oiling assessment 1916,			Cemetery sale of lots to be invested,	\$180 00	
Uncollected apportioned sewer	\$190 06		Cemetery perpetual care funds,	350 00	
assessment,	2,380 53				\$530 00
Unapportioned sewer assessment,			Premium account,		1,052 20
		\$3,570 89	Appropriations Reserved:		
			Street oiling,	\$28 95	
		1,441 52	Centennial celebration,	13 99	
		27 44	Primary school plans,	361 02	
					\$103 96
Sidewalk assessment.			Excess & Deficiency:		
Committed sewer interest, 1916			Balance Jan. 1, 1916,	\$11,974 33	
Accounts receivable:	\$14 00		Less appropriation, \$10,200 00		
Department bills,	1,068 00		Less abatement taxes, 617 33		
State aid from State,	222 00		Less adjustments, 103 48		
Military aid from State,		\$1,304 00		\$10,920 81	
				1,053 52	
		\$3,234 68	Add 1916 excess revenue,	6,918 77	7,972 29
Police Department,					\$51,725 25
		\$51,724 25			

NON REVENUE

Cash,	\$42,853 87	Appropriation Reserved:	\$1,475 36
Loans authorized,	650 00	Mechanic street paving,	99 16
		Elm street paving,	12 66
		Lebanon brook bridge,	12 58
		Mechanic street sidewalk,	1 39
		Dresser street extension,	62 48
		Mechanic street sidewalk,	32 73
		Chapin street sidewalk,	41,673 90
		New high school building,	92 46
		River street school lot,	41 15
		Auto truck,	
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			\$43,503 87
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			\$43,503 87

DEFERRED ASSETS

Apportioned Sewer assessment not due,	\$443 48	Apportioned sewer assessment due in 1917,	\$274 71
		Apportioned sewer assessment due in 1918,	59 26
		Apportioned sewer assessment due in 1919,	56 26
		Apportioned sewer assessment due in 1920,	56 25
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			\$443 48

FUNDED DEBT

Sinking fund securities,		
Net funded debt,		
	\$30,469 36	Funded sewer debt,
	235,180 64	General $3\frac{3}{4}$ % loans,
		General 4 % loans,
		General $4\frac{1}{4}$ % loans,
		General $4\frac{1}{2}$ % loans,
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	265,650 00	
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		\$265,650 00

	\$50,000 00
	19,100 00
	159,200 00
	7,500 00
	29,850 00
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	\$265,650 00

TRUST FUNDS

Trust fund securities,		
	\$22,113 77	Mary Minot library funds,
		Cemetery perpetual care funds,
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		\$22,113 77

	\$1,038 79
	21,075 58
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	\$22,113 77

APPROPRIATIONS

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APPROPRIATIONS

Dresser & Various	\$ 5,876 49	\$ 5,876 49	\$ 5,876 49	
Street Sewer	18 00	18 00	18 00	
Elm St. Sewer	13 54	13 54	13 54	
Maple St. Sewer				
Bridges	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	
Highway	800 00	10,050 00	10,048 38	
Sidewalk Repairs...	13 45	3,013 45	3,013 45	
Thomas St. Side- walk		990 00	990 00	
Main St. Sidewalk ..		2,200 00	2,200 00	
Oiling, Streets		2,500 00	2,471 05	28 95
North Woodstock Road	1,996 25	5,030 78	5,030 78	
Plimpton St. Ex- tension		500 00	500 00	
Railing		400 00	395 43	
Street Lights		13,600 00	13,599 46	
Maintenance of Permanent Roads...		2,000 00	1,993 61	
Alms-house		5,300 00	4,853 40	
Outside Relief of Poor	87 15	9,087 15	9,087 15	
Mother's Aid		4,000 00	3,897 67	
State Aid	12 00	1,068 00	1,063 00	
Military Aid		450 00	444 00	
Soldiers' Relief		2,000 00	2,000 00	
Soldiers' Burials...		100 00	100 00	
Schools		42,000 00	40,758 44	
High School Plans, Primary School Plans	2,489 00	2,489 00	2,489 00	
		1,500 00	1,138 98	361 02

APPROPRIATIONS—Continued

	Balance Jan. 1, 1916	Transfer to	Appropriation	Total Credit	Unexpected Balances Transferred to Revenue 1916	Expenditures	Total Debit	Balance Dec. 31, 1916	Accounts Over Drawn
Public Library			\$ 5,000 00	\$ 5,000 00	\$ 03	\$ 4,999 97	\$ 5,000 00		
Play Grounds.....			2,000 00	2,000 00	2 18	1,997 82	2,000 00		
Insurance			2,000 00	2,000 00	267 63	1,732 37	2,000 00		
Bath Houses		\$ 122 27	200 00	322 27		322 27	322 27		
Public Band Con- certs.....			250 00	250 00	25 00	225 00	250 00		
Centennial Cele- bration.....		1,814 33	3,000 00	4,814 33		4,801 34	4,800 34	\$ 13 99	
Memorial Day and Care of Graves...			325 00	325 00		325 00	325 00		
Searching Parties...			300 00	300 00	242 05	57 95	300 00		
Care of Town Clock			40 00	40 00		40 00	40 00		
Annual Reports.....			349 75	349 75		349 75	349 75		
Water Supply			5,200 00	5,200 00	20 40	5,179 51	5,200 00		
Cemetery Improve- ments.....		853 92	500 00	1,353 92	54 59	1,299 33	1,353 92		
Interest.....		229 79	14,440 00	14,669 79	2,004 24	12,665 55	14,669 79		
Maturing Debt.....			31,400 00	31,400 00		31,400 00	31,400 00	41 15	
Auto Truck	\$41 15			41 15					
Eastford Road Sewer.....	318 62			318 62	* 318 62		318 62		
Hartwell St. Sewer	82 45			82 45	* 82 45		82 45		
Cliff St. Sewer	2,061 92			2,061 92	* 2,061 92		2,061 92		
Chestnut St. Sewer		1,375 30		1,375 30		1,375 30	1,375 30		
Dresser & Various Street Sewer		1,087 69		1,087 69		1,087 69	1,087 69		
Mechanic St. Paving.....			7,100 00	7,100 00		5,624 64	5,624 64	1,475 36	

APPROPRIATIONS

Elm St. Paving.....		\$ 6,000 00	\$ 6,000 00		\$ 5,900 81	\$ 5,900 84	\$ 99 16
Lebanon Brook		3,000 00	3,000 00		2,987 34	2,987 34	12 66
Bridge.....		5,000 00	5,000 00		5,000 00	5,000 00	
River Road.							
Mechanic St. Side-							
walk.....	\$583 69		583 69		571 11	571 11	12 58
Charlton St.							
Macadam.....	285 18		285 18	* \$ 285 18		285 18	
Mechanic St.							
Macadam.....	356 41		356 41	* 168 56	187 85	356 41	
Crane St.			1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00	
East Main St.							
Macadam.....			1,494 76	800 78	693 98	1,494 76	
South St. Macadam	91		91		91	91	
Dresser St. Ex-							
tension.....	1 39		1 39				1 39
Eastford Road.....	589 35		873 10		873 10	873 10	
Mechanic St. Side-							
walk.....	62 48		62 48				62 48
Chapin St. Side-							
walk.....	32 73		32 73				32 73
New High School							
Building.....		82,000 00	82,000 00		40,326 10	40,326 10	11,673 90
River St. School							
Lot		3,000 00	3,000 00		2,907 54	2,907 54	92 46
Totals	\$6,939 81	\$326,801 07	\$ 353,214 23	\$12,075 20	\$299,466 88	\$311,542 08	\$43,907 83
							\$3,235 68

* Departmental Transfers

Annual Report of the TOWN TREASURER

HERBERT E. WELLS, in account with the Town
of Southbridge, Jan. 1, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1917.

Balance January 1, 1916,	\$ 16,446 33	
Receipts, 1916	547,554 82	
	<hr/>	\$564,001 15
Disbursements, 1916,		509,834 24
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Balance on hand December 31, 1916,		\$ 54,166 91
Unexpended balance,		
New High School,	\$41,673 90	
Balance, Town of		
Southbridge,	12,493 01	
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	\$54,166 91	

CEMETERY FUND

Book No.	Name of Bank	Amount
44746	Northampton Institution for Savings,	\$1,000 00
6862	Amherst Savings Bank,	1,000 00
30460	Athol Savings Bank,	1,000 00
24902	Dedham Institution for Savings,	1,000 00

Book No.	Name of Bank	Amount
14744	Gardner Savings Bank,	1,000 00
3481	Leicester Savings Bank,	1,000 00
22841	Leominster Savings Bank,	1,000 00
9849	Millbury Savings Bank,	1,000 00
32073	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,000 00
40500	North Adams Savings Bank,	1,000 00
1498	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,000 00
8465	Southbridge Savings Bank,	3,061 33
153048	Springfield Institution for Savings.	1,000 00
3791	Ware Savings Bank,	1,000 00
11619	Webster Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,014 25
79028	Worcester County Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
47299	Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank,	1,000 00
55266	Worcester Peoples' Savings Bank,	1,000 00
54964	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,000 00
		<hr/> \$21,075 58

SINKING FUND

Book No.	Name of Bank	Amount
16257	Amherst Savings Bank,	\$ 902 83
51856	Fitchburg Savings Bank,	823 66
25862	Leominster Savings Bank,	1,148 66
29970	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	932 44
21209	Southbridge Savings Bank,	2,006 39
42082	Ware Savings Bank,	795 90
21481	Webster Five Cents Savings Bank,	685 84

Book No.	Name of Bank	Amount
181879	Worcester County Institution for Savings,	706 56
130170	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	828 02
73989	Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank,	764 76
50139	Worcester People's Savings Bank,	1,008 88
39639	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank,	665 84
4443	Leicester Savings Bank.	803 58
34032	Clinton Savings Bank,	970 10
44901	Dedham Institution for Savings	780 30
350502	Suffolk Savings Bank	645 60
	16-\$1,000 City of Augusta Water Bonds,	16,000 00
		<hr/> \$30,469 36

MYNOTT FUND

Book No.	Name of Bank	Amount
9529	Southbridge Savings Bank,	\$1038 19

NOTES

Notes Outstanding December 31, 1916

Notes to be paid in 1917	Denominated	When Made	Amount of Loan	Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1916	
\$ 1,000 00	Mill & River St. Bridge,	1908	\$14,000 00	\$ 7,000 00	
1,000 00	Hamilton St. Paving,	1908	11,000 00	4,000 00	
1,500 00	Sewers { Filter Beds	1908	28,500 00	16,500 00	
1,000 00		1908	8,000 00	1,000 00	
1,000 00		1908	8,000 00	1,000 00	
1,000 00	Main St. Bridge	1909	7,000 00	1,000 00	
2,300 00	Hamilton St. Improvement,	1911	23,000 00	11,500 00	
1,000 00	Hamilton St. Paving	1911	8,000 00	3,000 00	
1,000 00	Soldiers' Monument	1913	10,000 00	6,000 00	
1,000 00	No. Woodstock Rd.	1913	5,000 00	1,000 00	
1,000 00	Auto Fire Truck	1913	6,000 00	3,000 00	
500 00	Cliff St. Sewer	1913	5,500 00	4,000 00	
1,250 00	New High School Lot	1913	12,500 00	7,500 00	
550 00	New High School Lot	1913	5,500 00	3,850 00	
2,000 00	Main St. Paving	1913	21,800 00	12,000 00	
1,000 00	Dresser St. School Lot	1915	7,000 00	6,000 00	
4,600 00	Macadam Roads	1915	23,000 00	13,800 00	
1,000 00	Dresser St. Extension	1915	2,000 00	1,000 00	
300 00	River St. School Lot	1915	3,000 00	2,700 00	
850 00	Mechanic St. Sidewalk,	1915	2,550 00	1,700 00	
1,000 00	Public Park,	1915	3,000 00	2,000 00	
3,100 00	Block & Macadam Pavement	1916	10,100 00	10,100 00	
900 00	Cement Bridge & Pavement	1916	9,000 00	9,000 00	
1,000 00	River Road	1916	5,000 00	5,000 00	
500 00	New High School	1916	7,000 00	7,000 00	
Amount Inside Debt Limit,					\$140,650 00
	Sewer Bonds due 1930	1899	\$20,000 00	\$20,000 00	
	Sewer Bonds due 1929	1900	30,000 00	30,000 00	
3,700 00	New High School	1916	75,000 00	75,000 00	
\$35,100 00	Amount Outside Debt Limit,				\$125,000 00
	Total Funded Debt,				\$265,650 00
	Less Sinking Fund Security,				30,469 36
	Net Funded Debt,				\$235,180 64
33,000 00	Anticipation Revenue Loan 1916,			\$33,000 00	
\$68,100 00	Total,			\$298,650 00	

HERBERT E. WELLS, Treasurer

SEWERS

Balance Uncollected Dec. 31, 1915,

\$9,096 28

Year Ass'mt.	Open Accounts for Collection Dec 31, 1915	Closed 1916	Balances Uncollected
1911	River St.	Closed	
1911	Plimpton St.	Closed	
1912	Chapin St.	Closed	
1913	Pleasant St.	Closed	
1913	Mill St.	Closed	
1913	Charlton St.		\$ 46 87
1913	Oakes Ave.		25 51
1914	South St.		143 30
1914	Dresser St.	Closed	
1914	Pleasant St.	Closed	
1914	Winter St.	Closed	
1914	Wardwell Ct.	Closed	
1915	Fiske St.	Closed	
1915	School St.	Closed	
1915	Cliff St.		454 18
1915	Clark St.		268 69
1915	West Main St.		111 82
1915	Curtis St.		37 98
1915	Henry St.		58 26
1915	South St.		266 77
1915	Eastford Road		108 85
1915	Hartwell St.		143 59
1915	Charlton St.		204 13
1915	Water St.		210 11
1915	Snow St		146 33
1915	Moon St.		120 24
1915	Fairlawn Ave.		153 21
1916	Chestnut St.		880 99

Uncollected Balances Outstanding Dec. 31, 1916,

\$3,380 83

HERBERT E. WELLS, Treasurer

Annual Report of the SELECTMEN

To the Voters of Southbridge.

Gentlemen:

Your Selectmen submit for your approval their report for the year ending December 31, 1916.

The Board has kept careful watch over the expenditures of the several accounts and by the Accountant's report, all of the accounts show a balance with the exception of that of the Police Department which was overdrawn, owing to the strike at the plant of the Americal Optical Company.

Strike

The Selectmen were brought face to face with a new problem this fall in police protection for the employees of the American Optical Co., as well as for the company itself in the strike that took place on November 1, 1916 and your board was obliged to hire extra police from Worcester as well as several Deputy Sheriffs, and many special police from the town; the Accountant reports the expenditure of \$3,235.68 for strike duty thereby making an overdraft on this account.

The local police department worked many extra hours and should be commended for their work; the Selectmen and Chief of Police, seeing the necessity of protecting the public and the people who wished to work, did not spare time or money to do this in the best possible manner; yet they kept close watch of the proceedings so as to be as economical as possible and get good results.

We hope our endeavors have not been in vain and that the voters feel we did our duty in this, a delicate matter.

Law Suits

The Selectmen through its Town Counsel have settled suits pending against the town to the amount of \$820.00 for damages to persons and personal property; these have all been settled out of court by advice of counsel.

Telephone Conduits

During the year underground conduits for telephone and fire alarm wires have been put into Main St. from Hamilton to South St. and the Selectmen have granted permits for work to be started in the early spring for conduits in Main from Everett to Mechanic St.; after this work is completed Main St. will be cleared of telephoned poles and wires from the bridge to the junction of Main and South St.

Marketing Place

After a conference with a representative of the State Board of Agriculture it was decided to name the space

on Foster St. near the school house as a "Marketing Place for Farmers" this was to conform with a law passed by the State requiring such a place in all towns.

Police Station

The Police Station situation remains about the same as last year; this may have to remain so until a new primary school building can be erected on Marcy St. when the town can remodel the Main St. building into an up-to-date police station as voted by the Town; yet something may have to be done before that time as your Selectmen have received a letter from the State Dept. of Health asking that something definite be done to improve conditions at the station.

The Board has secured an option on quarters into which to remove the station and has sent a request that the State Dept. of Health inspect and approve the place but as yet this has not been done; the idea was to buy new steel cells that could be used in the new station and put them temporarily in the new quarters; this would cause some added expense and we hope it will not be necessary as the town needs both buildings in the near future.

Streets

Your Selectmen visited the Highway Commission in relation to getting some of the Federal Aid money for highways; also took up the matter of the Commission allowing this town more money for the continuance of the road to North Woodstock and received a favorable reply to the later; the other matter was not decided upon at that conference.

Repairs to Town Hall

At the annual meeting an amount of \$1,000.00 was added to the appropriation for repairs to the building; the work required was an extra exit from the gallery ordered by the State Police; through a carefull study of the situation by your Selectmen this work was put in satisfactory to the State in a different way from that proposed at the meeting, at a cost of \$125.47. The outside of the building was painted two coats, the sidewalk finished, the lawn regraded and new hinges and new fire bolts put on the double doors in the front of the building; this latter work was ordered by the State Police this fall.

Girder Rails

The Selectmen after several conferences with the Street Railway Company in regard to the condition of Hamilton St. think it a good policy for the town to pay a share of the expense of installing new girder rails, similar to the ones in the wood paving, from Main to Pine St. as the street is in very bad condition and the franchise of the Street Railway Co., calls for T rails like the ones now in the street; but it has been proven that this street can not be kept in good repair with this rail. An article will be inserted in the warrant calling for action on this matter and the board hopes the Town will take favorable action.

Celebration

The town this year celebrated the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a Town, a committee of fifty was appointed to make arrangements and a financial

report of their doings will be found in the Town Accountant's report on another page.

Main Street Sidewalk

The question of regrading the sidewalk in front of the proposed postoffice building on Main St. has been brought before this Board on two occasions; while the board does not like to see trees destroyed it believes that the conditions require the sidewalk to be lowered to correspond with the sidewalk on the other side of the street, which will call for an appropriation for the repair of the walk. Then by planting trees in the green between the walk and the curbstone, with the new postoffice building on the corner, and a new bank building soon, we hope, to be built on the adjoining lot, our Main St. will be complete.

State Auditor's Report

Following this report is a complete report of the State Bureau of Statistics for the audit of the town books for 1915; by vote of the Town we are having the books of 1916 audited by the Bureau but that work has not as yet been completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

WILFRID J. LAMOUREUX
ALEXANDER L. DESAULNIERS
ALEXIS BOYER, JR.

Selectmen of Southbridge

Report of

An Audit of the Accounts

of the

Town of Southbridge

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915

Made in Accordance with the
Provisions of Chapter 598,
Acts of 1910 as Amended
and a Vote of the Town

April 7, 1916

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
BUREAU OF STATISTICS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

April 7, 1916

To the Board of Selectmen,
Wilfrid J. Lamoureux, Chairman,
Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a report of an audit of the accounts of the Town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1915, made in accordance with Chapter 598 of the Acts of 1910, as amended, and a vote of the town.

The report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Bureau, who was placed in charged of the work.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES F. GETTEMY

Director

Mr. Charles F. Gettemy,
Director, Bureau of Statistics,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1915, and submit the following report thereon.

The financial records of the several departments were examined, and the accounts were checked to the accountant's books.

The selectmen's records of meetings at which licenses were granted were examined, the licenses granted checked, and collections on account of the same were checked to the treasurer's and accountant's books.

The books of the assistant clerk of the selectmen show the following sums collected and paid to the treasurer:

Rent and sale of buildings--	
school lots,	\$ 783 00
Rent of town hall,	175 00
Licenses,	
Fruit stands,	\$68 00
Common victuallers,	18 00
Innholders,	4 00
Circus,	40 00
Boot blacks,	3 00

Ice cream,	2 00	
Skating rink,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$140 00
Reimbursement— damage to		
fire alarm,	38 40	
Reimbursement – sewer con-		
nections.	9 04	
Cleaning sidewalks,	2 25	
Telephone,	76	
Insurance library,	21 77	
Liquor licenses,	13,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$14,170 22
Payments to treasurer,		\$14,170 22

The books and accounts of the accountant were examined and checked in detail. Under the system of accounts installed, the records of this department serve as a basis for checking all departmental accounts. The receipts reported by the treasurer, as shown by the cash book, were checked and found to agree. The payments reported to the treasurer by officers or boards collecting money were compared with the books and with the treasurer's reported receipts. Bills and pay-rolls were examined and compared with the entries on the accountant's books and with the treasurer's payments. The appropriation accounts as shown by the ledger were compared with the town clerk's records. The ledger accounts were checked, a trial balance taken off, and the accounts proved to be in balance. The classification book, showing the detail of receipts and

expenditures in a classified form, was examined and found to be well kept and in balance with the ledger accounts.

The surety bonds of the treasurer and collector, which are in the custody of the accountant, were examined.

Monthly statements of the several appropriation accounts were furnished the several departments which showed amounts expended, also statements of the available balance, thereby keeping these department officials constantly informed of the amount available for their use during the balance of the year.

The books of the accountant were well kept; the detailed classification of accounts, provided for by the system installed, has been kept up to date; and all receipts and payments are systematically arranged, so that positive information is available which should prove to be of invaluable assistance in making appropriations for the succeeding year.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked, the cash on hand was verified by actual count, and bank balances were proved. The cash book was footed throughout for the period covered by the audit; the receipts recorded were checked with the reports of departmental payments to the treasurer that are filed with the town accountant; the disbursements were checked with the selectmen's approved warrants and with the register of checks issued; and the totals, as shown by the treasurer's cash book, were verified by comparison with the books in the accountant's office.

The sewer assessment accounts were checked, tested and differences were reconciled.

A reconciliation of the treasurer's cash balance December 31, 1915 and a statement of the sewer assessment accounts follow:

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

Cash in office December 31, 1915

Checks,	\$932 88
Money orders,	53 25
Bills,	77 00
Coin,	11 73
	————— \$1,074 86

Bank balance December 31, 1915,

Per bank statement, \$17,442 11

Less outstanding
checks—per
list,

2,070 64
————— \$15,371 47

Cash balance December 31,

1915—per accountant's books, \$16,446 33

Sewer Assessments

Outstanding January 1, 1915, \$3,179 18

Commitments, 8,121 65

————— \$11,300 83

Collections Jan. 1 to

Dec. 31, 1915, \$2,204 55

Outstanding December 31,

1915, (Verified) 9,096 28

————— \$11,300 83

The books and accounts of the tax collector were checked and outstanding taxes were listed and reconciled to the accountant's books.

The levy of 1913 showed a large amount outstanding at the time the audit was made; this was due to the fact that abatements allowed had not been posted to the commitment books. After posting some 625 abatement accounts, there remained as uncollected items aggregating \$61.19; the accountant's ledger showed as outstanding on this year's account \$55.70, leaving undetected errors of \$5.49.

The commitment books for the levy of 1914 were added and checked to the assessors' warrant. The outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger. In proving the list of outstanding taxes, it was necessary to check paid items as shown on the commitment book with entries on the cash book. A number of small differences were found; also items appearing on the commitment book as interest were shown on the tax book as taxes and reported to the treasurer and accountant as such.

The commitment books for the levy of 1915 were added and checked to the assessors' warrant. The accounts outstanding on December 31, 1915, were listed and reconciled to the accountant's books.

In reconciling the outstanding accounts, the cash book was checked with the commitment books. A number of errors were found in the postings on the commitment book and cash book, so that a considerable amount of time was consumed in checking clerical errors, — which ought to have been unnecessary.

The cash book was footed and payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's books and with the payments reported to the town accountant.

Interest on overdue taxes, as entered on the commitment book, was checked to the cash book. It did not seem advisable to calculate the several items, but since the statute specifies that interest shall be charged from October fifteenth on all taxes remaining unpaid after November first, the interest should be accurately calculated and charged on the several accounts, as it is a source of considerable revenue to the town.

The sidewalk assessment accounts were checked, collections and payments to the treasurer were compared with the reports to the town accountant, and outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled.

Verification notices were sent to 450 delinquent taxpayers whose names appeared upon the books; 22 were returned by the postal authorities undelivered; 153 replied that the amounts were correct; 22 replies were received claiming exemptions or payments, all of which were checked and adjusted; and 253 made no reply, so that it is assumed that these accounts are correct.

Greater care should be taken in making postings, for there are so many accounts carried on the tax collector's books that errors, when once made, are difficult to locate.

The following is a reconciliation of the tax and assessment account:

Taxes 1913

Outstanding January 1, 1915		
per accountant's ledger,	\$3,114 63	
Undetected errors,	5 49	
	<u> </u>	\$3,120 12
Paid treasurer,	\$1,708 33	
Abatements,	1,350 60	
Outstanding December 31, 1915		
per detailed list,	61 19	
	<u> </u>	\$3,120 12

Taxes 1914

Outstanding January 1, 1915		
per accountant's ledger,	\$24,328 90	
Duplicate abatement,	1 58	
Cash abatement,	6 30	
Over payments,	12 08	
Interest collected--credited to taxes in error,	47 43	
Interest collected--paid treas- urer,	266 27	
	<u> </u>	24,662 56
Paid treasurer,	\$20,537 05	
Abatements,	34 76	
Cash on hand,	66 86	
Outstanding December 31, 1915		
per detailed list,	4,023 89	
	<u> </u>	\$24,662 56

Taxes 1915

Assessors' Commitment,	\$211,376 82
Excise tax,	1,383 17

Interest collected,	24 80	
Cash abatement,	1 10	
Overpayments,	64 02	
Undetected errors,	7 60	
	<u> </u>	\$212,857 51

Paid treasurer,	\$183,019 24	
Abatements,	276 02	
Cash on hand,	13 49	
Outstanding December 31, 1915,		
Per detailed list,	29,548 76	
	<u> </u>	\$212,857 51

Sidewalk Assessments

Outstanding January 1, 1915,		
Per accountant's ledger,	\$2,052 49	
Commitment,	5,574 73	
Adjustment--error in balance forward,	100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$7,727 22

Abatement-adjusted in 1916,	\$ 4 25	
Paid treasurer,	3,966 63	
Cash on hand,	77	
Outstanding December 31, 1915		
Per detailed list,	3,755 57	
	<u> </u>	\$7,727 22

Apportioned Sewer Assessments

Apportioned in 1914,	\$20 56	
Apportioned in 1915,	19 46	
	<u> </u>	\$40 02

Paid treasurer on account of		
1914 apportionment,	\$20 56	
Outstanding December 31,		
1915,	19 46	
	<hr/>	\$40 02

The records of licenses issued by the town clerk were examined and payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's and accountant's books.

The records of fees collected by the sealer of weights and measures were examined and payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's books.

The books of the cemetery department were examined and checked to the treasurer's and accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the sinking fund commissioners were examined. The investments were listed and examined and found to correspond with the amounts called for by the books. The income received was verified and found to be properly recorded.

The following table shows the aggregate and transactions for the year.

Sinking Funds			
	Savings		
	Bank Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	\$11,399 37	\$16,000 00	\$27,399 37
On hand at end of year,	13,264 77	16,000 00	\$29,264 77

Receipts		Payments	
Appropriation,	\$750 00	Deposits in sav-	
Income--savings		ings banks,	\$1,865 40
banks,	475 40		
Income-securities,	640 00		
Total,	\$1,865 40	Total,	\$1,865 40

The investments of the trust funds were examined and the income and expenditures were checked. The following tables show the totals of the funds, together with the transactions for the year.

Minot Library Fund

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	\$997 04	\$997 04
On hand at end of year,	997 91	997 91

Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$40 26	Deposited in	
		savings bank,	\$ 87
		Transferred to	
		library,	39 39
Total,	\$40 26	Total,	\$40 26

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at begin-			
ning of year,	\$200 00	\$20,590 58	\$20,790 58
On hand at end of			
year,		21,127 10	21,127 10

Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$940 28	Deposited in sav-	
Sale of lots,	185 00	ings banks (Be-	
Bequest,	100 00	quests and lot	
Cash on hand,	200 00	funds),	\$485 00
		Deposited in sav-	
		ings bank (In-	
		come),	51 52
		Transferred to	
		cemetery,	888 76
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Total,	\$1,425 28	Total,	\$1,425 28

The system of accounts as installed by the Bureau of Statistics has been well carried out. Attention has been called to the necessity of prompt and accurate reporting and recording, in order that only a limited amount of time may be required in making a complete audit of the town's accounts.

It is clearly demonstrated that the centralizing of accounts in the accounting department will point out all discrepancies and thereby perform the service contemplated by the system.

The cooperation of the several town officers insures complete and accurate reports of the financial transactions of the town. With this information arranged in a systematic manner, comparison is possible with other towns where modern accounting systems are used, and valuable information is placed before the voter for his guidance in providing for the future needs of the several departments.

While engaged in making the audit, I received the hearty cooperation of every town official, all books and forms being placed at my disposal; therefore, I wish on behalf of myself and my assistant, to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,

Chief Accountant.

Annual Report

of the

SEALER

TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

Gentlemen:—

I respectfully submit my report from November 30, 1915, to November 30, 1916.

Adjusted platform scales over 5,000 pounds,	2
Sealed platform scales over 5,000 pounds,	11
Condemned platform scales over 5,000 pounds	None
Adjusted platform scales under 5,000 pounds,	22
Sealed platform scales under 5,000 pounds,	115
Condemned platform scales under 5,000 pounds,	None
Sealed slot weighing scales,	5
All other scales adjusted,	40
All other scales sealed,	289
All other scales condemned,	25
Number of weights adjusted,	30
Number of weights sealed,	986
Number of weights condemned,	9
Number of liquid measures adjusted,	None
Number of liquid measures sealed,	161
Number of liquid measures condemned,	25

Number of milk jars sealed,	79
Number of milk jars condemned	None
Number of linear measures sealed,	45
Number of linear measures condemned,	2
Oil and molasses pumps sealed,	35
Oil and molasses pumps condemned,	7
Total adjusted,	95
Total sealed,	1722
Total condemned,	67
Certificates issued in the office,	146
Certificates issued outside,	201
Inspection of stores,	280
Inspection of hawkers and peddlers,	80
Inspection of peddlers' licenses,	80
Inspection of milk wagons,	55
Inspection of coal certificates,	21
Inspection of junk dealers,	13
Inspection of ice wagons,	88

During the year many inspections were made at different times of which no records were kept. The scales of hawkers, peddlers, coal dealers, ice dealers and those in markets, grocery stores, etc., were inspected to insure against carelessness and fraud.

Within the last few years many outside hawkers and peddlers have been eliminated from this town, to the benefit of our merchants who pay rent and taxes and give employment; it is no more than right that they should be protected.

The higher price of ice caused some of our citizens to feel that they were paying more than what was

charged in other towns. But investigations were made in twenty-four towns and cities of about our population and these showed that the rates in Southbridge compared favorably with those of other places.

The town is fortunate in having at her disposal two large platform scales. One is on Dupaul St. and is owned by Alfred McKinstry who has offered the use of it to the town. The other, which is on High St. is owned by the Town and is under the care of the Pure Ice Co.

Every year the State is enacting new laws regarding the Sealer's department. These add new duties and make the position such that it would require most of the Sealer's time to do the work as it should be done.

In the last week the inventory of the Sealer's department taken by ex-Sealers Daniel T. Morrill and Fred. Adams and Town Accountant Joseph Lafleche, gave the amount of \$331.40.

The fees collected during the year and paid to the Town Treasurer amount to \$106.73.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX GATINEAU, Sealer

Annual Report

of the

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors of the Town of Southbridge submit the following report for the year 1916.

Town Appropriation,	\$215,251 07
Less Estimated	
Revenue,	40,000 00
Transfer from Excess	
and Deficiency, 8,000 00	
	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div> \$48,000 00
	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div> \$167,251 07
State tax,	\$15,120 00
County tax,	8,400 00
Auditing municipal	
accounts,	492 48
State highway tax,	680 00
Overlayings,	2,729 75
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Total amount to be raised by taxation,	\$194,673 30
Valuation real estate April	
1, 1916.	\$5,880,218 00
Tax on real estate,	\$128,189 33
Valuation personal estate,	\$2,514,620 00

Tax on personal estate,	54,819 06
Valuation resident bank stock,	160,776 00
Tax on resident bank stock,	3,504 91
Number polls Assessed 4,080 @ \$2.00.	8,160 00
Total Valuation,	\$8,555,614 00
Total Tax,	194,673 30
Value non-resident bank stock,	\$42,224 00
Tax on non-resident bank stock,	920 46
Total amount committed to collector Aug. 17,	\$195,593 76
Worcester Consolidated St. Railway Co. excise tax,	\$1,549 38
December Assessment:	
Number polls assessed 89 @ \$2.00	178 00
Valuation personal estate,	\$3,750 00
Tax on personal estate,	81 75
Valuation real estate,	5,770 00
Tax on real estate	125 79
Street Oiling Assessment:	
Total amount assessed,	\$2,500 00

Sewer Apportionments

Total amount assessed,	310 87
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Total amount committed to collector,	\$200,339 55
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Total assessed valuation Dec. 31, 1916	\$8,565,134 00
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Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH GAGNON

ANTOINE FARLAND

WILLIAM McGILPIN

Assessors of Southbridge

Annual Report of the HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Citizen and
Taxpayers:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1916 as Highway Surveyor of the Town of Southbridge, Mass. As in previous years the Financial Committee has proved of great assistance in our highway improvements, both as to what comprises the appropriations and the application of the money. The itemized account of the expenditures follows:

Sanitary catch basins, men and teams, care of grates and culverts on country roads,	\$492 19
Repairing crossings, culverts and pipes,	418 87
Icy gutters, laying sand, ashes on walks,	350 25
Shovelling snow, scraping and opening walks and roads,	1,936 11
Scraping and levelling all country roads,	1,414 38

Stone and gravel filling, grading,	3,076 56
Subdivided as follows:—	
Old Charlton City road,	
Old Charlton road,	\$566 17
Boucher road,	75 52
Westville road,	275 45
Geer's road,	43 50
McKinstry's road,	42 00
Pleasant street, C. Proulx,	161 00
Quinebaug road,	91 25
Eastford road,	87 00
Woodstock road,	156 00
Hartwell street,	80 00
Walcott street,	35 25
Main street, Oakes Ave. and	
W. Main street,	554 81
Dupaul street,	63 00
Summer street,	36 00
Pine street,	24 00
Vinton street,	157 36
Central street, crushed stone	
and levelling,	403 50
North, Lens and Charlton	
streets,	167 00
Cleaning brook, Worcester	
street,	57 25
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	\$3,076 56
Tools and supplies,	508 52
Sand,	70 25

Crushed stone,	145 75
Gravel,	235 50

By adding the above with the amount paid for salaries, you will come to the total of \$10,048.38 which has been spent during the year just ending.

99 permits to open streets were issued: —

W. & S. Gas & Electric Co.,	35
S. Water supply,	30
Sewer Comm.,	13
N. E. Tel. Co.,	11
Miscellaneous,	13
	<hr/>
	99

Bridges

Necessary repairs were made at the different bridges, comprising the following:- Sandersdale, Mechanic St., Brookside, Central St., North St., and Eastford Rd. The filling at the North St. bridge was also taken from this account, making a total of expenditures of \$2,427.69

Railings

The appropriation of \$400.00 proved sufficient to keep our railings in fair condition. Some railings were completely renewed while others were painted and mended.

Sidewalk Repairs

This is a very important item of the department and demands constant attention. We are all in favor of good walks as they add to the beauty and welfare of

our town. Repairs were made last year while the appropriation lasted, and I have a balance on hand of \$13.05 on an appropriation of \$3,000.00. Repairs were located thus:- Sayles, Chapin, Hamilton, Main, Hook, Elm, Benefit, Lens, Pleasant, Everett, North and Central streets.

I wish to thank the public for their co-operation in our work on the highways, as we must work together for the same end--the prosperity of our Town, and good roads in the Eye of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully yours,

AIMEE LANGEVIN

Forest Fires

We have had only six brushfires during the past year, and these without damage to land or property. I have issued 22 permits to build fires in the open air, according to the law. Our Brushfire Apparatus is sufficient to handle and control forest fires promptly. "Self-preservation is the first law of nature," and the protection of our forests from fire is the first rule of forestry. This is why the forest fire laws should be known so as to secure a stronger public sentiment towards the preservation of our forests.

Fire Wardens for 1916

Dennie Langevin, Louis Pontbriand, A. O. Giroux, Frank Brissette, Geo. A. Clemence, W. J. Wadleigh, C. F. Blackmer, John Keenan, Adelard Bouchard, Jos. Payant, Eusebe Laliberte.

AIMEE LANGEVIN,

Chief Fire Warden.

1063 nests of the moths were destroyed, showing a decrease from the previous year. The same territory was covered and we seem to gain in our destruction of the plague.

AIMEE LANGEVIN,

Local Moth Supt.

Annual Report

of the

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:-

Your board of Sewer Commissioners herewith submit its report for the year 1916.

The entire cost of construction and maintenance was paid from money on hand and from sewer assessments collected during the year.

Although handicapped to a great extent by large quantities of rock, and underground water, and also the lack of sufficient labor during the latter part of the season, we have laid a total length of 2,796.85 feet of sewer. This increases the total mileage to 15.89 miles of sewer.

There are now connected to the system, 1,059 buildings, including manufacturing plants, schools, public buildings, tenement houses, and residences. These buildings empty into the sewers 2,548 closets, 2,306 sinks, 793 bath tubs, 809 bowls, 97 wash trays, 76 urinals, 1 soda fountain, 1 grease trap, 1 dentist's cuspidor.

The first construction of the season was on Chestnut St. from Main St. southerly to the crest of the hill. The stretch was 681.35 feet long and was built for \$1,375.30. Considerable ledge was encountered throughout this work.

Assessment on Chestnut St. was levied, 1916 as follows:

Total cost of construction,	\$1,375 30
$\frac{1}{3}$ payable by the town,	458 43
$\frac{2}{3}$ payable by the abutters,	916 87
Total number of assessable feet,	1,275.35 feet
Assessable rate per foot,	\$0.7184

Work on Dresser, Orchard and Sayles Sts. was then commenced; on this work a large quantity of ledge had to be excavated, Orchard St., a short stretch of Dresser St. near Marcy and again on the same street near westerly line of the new town property excepted. Ground water was also encountered on Dresser St. from the brook, westerly for about (450) feet.

This work was abandoned late in December. The board plans to continue this line up Glover St., as far as originally intended, as its first work of the coming season.

In view of the fact that the projected line to accommodate High St. Extension caters to so few possible users of the system at the present time, we wish to postpone temporarily, the construction of this portion of the work. A large section of undeveloped land lies above this region which will undoubtedly become built up as the town expands. As this section will be

the one benefited, we feel it would be an injustice to bring this additional burden upon abutters receiving no benefit.

At the start of the season sufficient pipe was purchased to complete all contemplated work. We have saved considerable by this move, as the price of pipe has steadily advanced during the year. As the town storage facilities are very cramped we were forced to distribute all pipe at convenient points along the work.

The total length of sewer constructed to date in this section is 2,115.5 feet, costing \$6,964.18.

Sewers have also been constructed in three Private Ways wholly at the abutting owners' expense, but under an agreement with this board which specifies: that when the Town of Southbridge accepts these ways the said town will pay its share of the expense.

The first of these was on the Private Way leading from Chestnut St. to Morris St., known as Cheney Ave. This sewer is 205 feet long and enters the Morris St. sewer south of the N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. overhead bridge. Ledge was encountered throughout the entire length, average depth 4.5 feet. Entire cost of this sewer was borne by Mr. John Lango.

The second of these was on the Private Way leading from Mechanic St. easterly, known as Rose St. This sewer is 245.25 feet long and enters into the Mechanic St. sewer 67.05 feet s'y. from M. H. at Olney Ave. The cost of this sewer was borne by Messrs. Morris Green and Jules Theriault.

The third was on the Private Way leading from

Rose St. westerly toward Liberty St. so called. This sewer is 425.5 feet long. It flows into the Rose St. sewer above mentioned. This pipe was laid with very little cutting but is covered with earth so as to give at least three feet over the pipe to prevent breakage by traffic. The entire cost of this sewer was borne by Mr. Morris Green.

A manhole was built on Maple St. costing \$35.32. The Southbridge Investment Co. paid $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cost and the town the remaining third.

On Elm St. a short stretch of sewer was built from the man-hole at the corner of Summer St. northerly for a distance of 23.0 feet, costing \$18.00. This was built at the time the new concrete road was started to save cutting into the permanent pavement at some later date.

The entire system has been flushed and is in good condition. We have inspected the filter beds several times during the year and have found them working satisfactorily.

For sewer maintenance we ask an appropriation of \$1,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRENDERGAST

JOSEPH A. ALLARD

GEORGE W. DUMAS

Sewer Commissioners

CIVIL ENGINEER'S REPORT

Board of Sewer Commissioners, :
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith make my report on sewer construction for the past year.

Chestnut St. work was commenced early in April and despite the large quantity of ledge encountered, was completed in about a month's time.

This sewer enters the Main St. sewer by means of a drop constructed in the usual manner, then passes through the Cohasse Brook culvert. A length of (8) inch cast iron pipe supported by a hanger from the crown, passes through the culvert well above the water line.

By this means of construction 5 feet additional depth of digging for a length of about 75 feet was overcome, as the Main St. man-hole is 10 feet deep to invert of same. This additional excavation would have been through muck, and would have necessitated tunneling under floor of culvert.

The excavation for the first 180 feet was through gravel and hard pan. From this point however, and for the remaining length, ledge and boulders were uncountered.

The maximum cut was 7 feet.

Total length of sewer is 681.35 feet.

Assessment plan was made in June, 1916.

Dresser St., Orchard St. and Sayles St, sewer work was commenced the first week in May and carried on

until late in November. This work has been completed to the corner of Sayles and Glover St.

The original intention of the Board was to follow the course of Nuisance Brook, approximately, and drain into the Marcy St. sewer at Dupaul St.

After considering the needs of the proposed School House at the old "Baby Camp" land, it was decided to carry the line down Dresser St. This necessitated a deep cut at the crest of the hill through solid ledge.

The material for the first 100 feet was gravel. At this point ledge was struck at the bottom of the trench which rapidly rose until it cropped out at the surface 190 therefrom. This wedge was covered by various sized boulders and gravel. The rock then continued to show at the surface for 250 feet more in distance. From here on the ledge gradually dissappeared unti at a point 150 feet further the excavation was entirely in earth.

The maximum cut through solid rock was 13 feet.

The sewer at this point passes under the bed of Nuisance Brook. Here water was encountered and pumping was necessary to keep the ground water from working into the sewer. For a distance of 450 feet considerable water was met. The digging was pushed through rapidly. All pipes in this section were particularly well joined to prevent seepage entering into the sewer.

The work was left temporarily at this point and the Orchard St. line was commenced. Fine digging held throughout this strecth and in spite of the fact that

the labor question had reduced the force greatly, this section was completed in about two weeks. A lamp hole was left at the end of this line for inspection purposes.

The continuation of Dresser St. was then started and progressed reasonably well until ledge again was met near Sayles St.

Sayles Street from Dresser Street was then started and carried through to the corner of Glover St. The force was at this time reduced to a minimum of four men, the high wages paid elsewhere having been too great an inducement to resist. Ledge was encountered for about 300 feet and was close to the surface throughout this distance.

Total length Dresser St., 1,385.5 feet.

Total length Orchard St., 391 feet.

Total length Sayles St., 339 feet.

Following the usual policy, all work was performed by town labor. Practically all drilling was done by machine on Chestnut and Dresser Sts. The drilling on Sayles St. was done by hand.

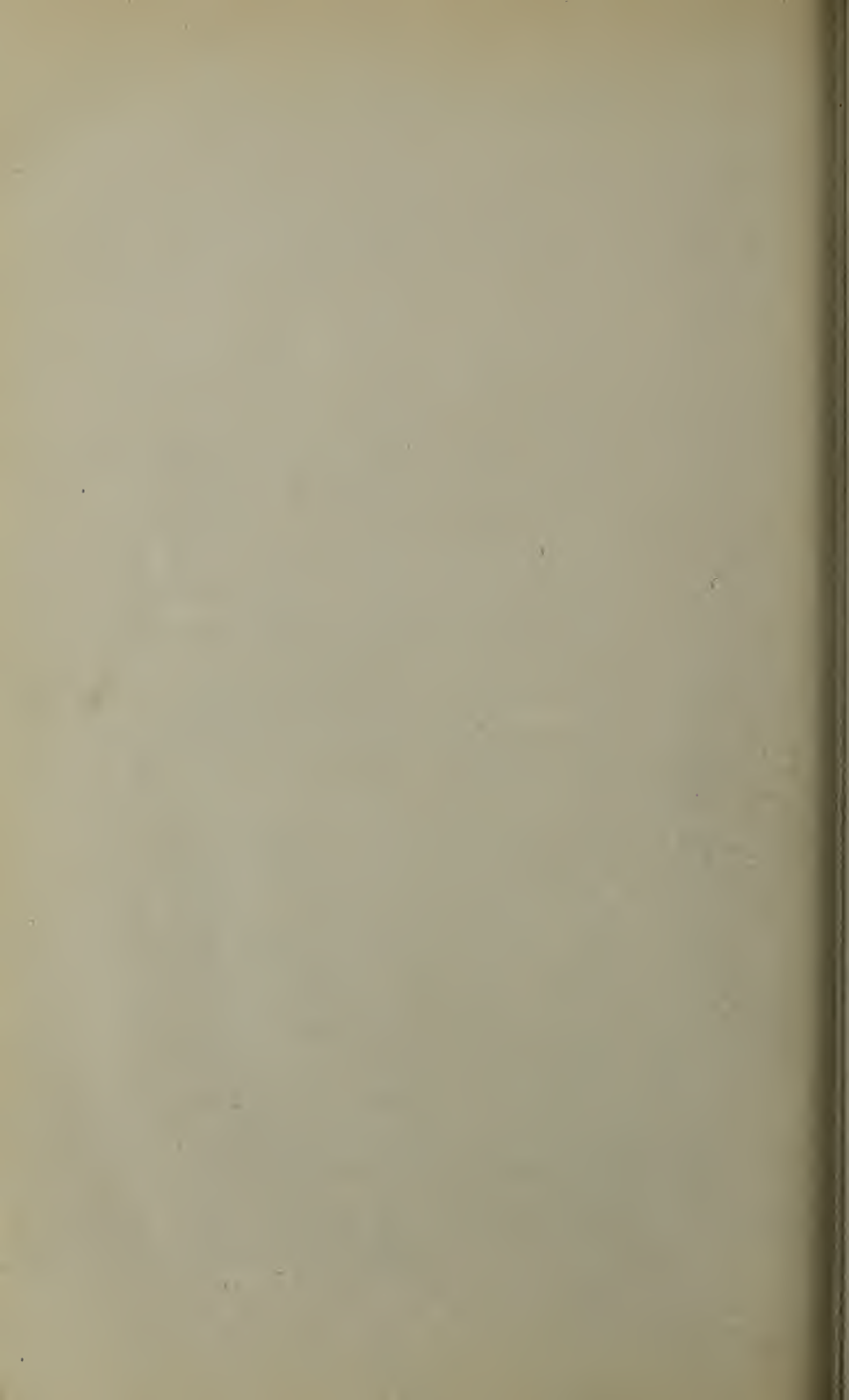
Mr. J. A. Genereux was in charge during the first part of the season. He left the employ of the Sewer Commissioners after difficult work through ledge and water was completed.

No inspector was employed thereafter.

All records of lines, grades, and sewer openings have been kept throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. CHRISTENSON



Annual Report

of the

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health; J. A. Caron; J. E. Donais, M. D. and W. S. Conway, M. D., organized with Mr. J. A. Caron, chairman and Dr. J. E. Donais, clerk. Monthly meetings were held, and the work of the year is as follows:

There were reported the following contagious and infectious diseases:

Chicken Pox,	1	Opthalmia Neona-	
Diphtheria,	42	torum,	1
Measles,	10	Whooping Cough,	3
Scarlet Fever,	3	Anterior Poliomy-	
Tuberculosis,	20	letis,	5
Typhoid Fever,	1	Cerebral Spinal	
		Meningitis,	1

Total, 87

From these were the following deaths—Diphtheria, 5; Cerebral Spinal Meningitis, 1; Measles, 1; and Tuberculosis, 5,

These have been cared for with as little expense to the town as possible while protecting the citizens and their children. An itemized account can be found of the expenses of the Board in the Town Accountant's report.

Tuberculosis

The expenses for the tubercular patients are constantly increasing, but all money for hospital care for these cases is money well and in many cases charitably spent.

We are at the present time paying the board and care of four at the Westfield State Sanatorium, one at the Hampshire County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and one at the Worcester Tuberculosis Hospital; during the year we have cared for eight in these and other hospitals, besides aiding others at their homes.

The Tubercular Dispensary has been open each Monday from 5 to 7 o'clock p. m. with a physician and nurse in attendance at the Town Hall building; there have been sixteen examined during the year, fourteen found without tuberculosis, one a suspicious case and one having tuberculosis; the last patient was placed in a hospital at Westfield.

This record shows, we think, that more should avail themselves of the use of this free clinic as a large majority were found to be free from tuberculosis, who thought they might be infected; while others, who should have come having the same thought may have been exposing their friends to this dreaded disease. We hope the coming year many who may have a cough

will visit this clinic on Mondays between 5 and 7 o'clock p. m.

Rubbish and Garbage

The contract for collection of garbage was this year given to Mr. Saul Donais, and to the old contract was added a new one, viz; to collect rubbish of all kinds, except ashes, from boxes and barrels placed near the sidewalk; this collection to be made twice each month for eight months of the year. This made the contract price somewhat higher than last year, but was a help to many tenants to keep their yards clear from tin cans, etc.

We believe the collection was attended to in a thorough manner, although having some complaints in relation to the collection of rubbish; people seemed to wait until they saw the wagon pass by or until some neighbor or friend told them the man had collected their barrel that day, before taking out their box, as they said it did not look well beside the sidewalk; this we think will be bettered next year, as tenants will learn the exact days the team will pass through their street.

This contract calls for an increased expense but we hope it may be repeated the coming year, but it cannot unless more money is allowed this board; for every department of our work is each year calling for more money.

Deaths

Following is a list of deaths taking place in the town during the year:

Broncho Pneumonia,	3	Cerebal Spinal	
Cancer,	13	Meningitis,	1
Lobar Pneumonia,	15	Diphtheria,	4
Disease of Heart,	21	Tuberculosis,	5
Disease of Brain,	22	Tubercular Menin-	
Suicide,	1	gitis,	1
Gastritis,	2	Measles,	1
Bronchitis,	4	Pertussis,	2
Nephritis,	9	Diabetis,	2
Cholera Infantum,	6	Homicide,	1
Accidental,	5	Ill Defined,	19
All other diseases,	20	Still-born,	8
Unknown,	1		

Total – Females 81, Males 85. Total deaths, 166.

It is shown by statistics that Southbridge stands sixth (6) in having the lowest death rate in cities and towns in Massachusetts, the rate being a fraction over 10%, other cities and towns ranging as high as 22%.

Very respectfully,

J. A. CARON.

J. E. DONAIS, M. D.,

W. S. CONWAY, M. D.,

Board of Health.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1916.

During the year I have issued one hundred eight

(108) permits to do plumbing work from applications received and placed on file in this office; they are classified as follows:

	Old	New
Residences or one tenement houses,	9	18
Two tenement houses,	19	2
Three tenement houses,	4	17
Four tenement houses,	1	1
Five tenement houses,	1	0
Six tenement houses,	1	1
Business blocks,	10	2
Factories,	9	1
Refrigerator plants,	0	1
Police station,	1	0
Baseball stands,	0	1
Alteration and additional fixtures,	9	0
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	64	44

These buildings contain the following fixtures:

Water closets,	212	Shower baths,	2
Sinks,	180	Floor drains,	1
Wash trays,	23	Urinals,	11
Bath tubs,	108	Wash bowls,	126

On this work I have made the following inspections:

Water tests,	99		
Other tests	9	Final inspections,	108

Following is number of houses connected with the public sewer or cesspools during the year:

	Old	New
With Sewer,	29	35
With Cesspool,	3	4

Respectfully,

ALBERT R. BROWN

Plumbing Inspector

AGENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as your agent for the year ending December 31, 1916.

Houses placarded for contagious diseases,	50
Houses disinfected after contagious diseases,	50
School rooms disinfected,	10
Houses disinfected for other causes,	10
Garbage nuisances investigated,	15
Hen nuisances investigated,	9
Dumps investigated,	15
Yard nuisances investigated,	23
Cellar nuisances investigated,	1
Swine nuisances investigated,	2
Privy vaults investigated,	4
Cesspools investigated,	3
Dead animals ordered buried,	3
Water in ponds investigated,	1
Water in wells investigated,	1
Other nuisances investigated,	10

These nuisances after careful investigation were abated satisfactorily to those complaining and to the Board of Health; no prosecutions were necessary; and I wish to thank the Board and the public for their co-operation in the year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. BROWN,

Agent.

MILK INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Inspector of Milk for the year ending December 31, 1916.

I have issued thirty (30) milk licenses for which I have turned over to the Town Treasurer the sum of \$15.00. I have visited for inspection 35 barns where milk was produced for these peddlers. I have found them in about the same condition as last year, some new improvements talked of, and some started, but many others needed.

The price of milk is increasing and I find that some of the dairymen are making improvements to comply with the town and state laws. These laws should be looked after somewhat more sharply the coming year by the board through its inspector.

There have been several samples taken by the State Department of Health for analysis during the year, but none have been found that required prosecution by your Inspector.

Several changes have been made in the method of delivery of milk the last month, that is, several dairymen are selling to one peddler; this may work to the advantage of clean milk.

In my last year's report I stated that the report on hand at that time of six samples collected from wagons did not show first-class results; after getting the full report we find that we were 17th in the state sending samples, the city of Brockton being 1st. The score

while not very bad, shows the need of more care in handling the milk after it is taken from the barn, as the number of bacteria was large in many cases, which was the cause of the low score.

As the price of milk soars, more cleanliness and better milk will be demanded by the consumers and well they may, so I hope during the coming year we may see a decided improvement both in equipment and methods of handling milk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. BROWN,

Inspector of Milk.

Annual Report

of the

LIBRARIAN

Trustees of Jacob Edwards Memorial Library

Alexis Boyer, Jr.

John M. Cochran

George Grant

Francis L. Chapin

Fred E. Corbin

John E. Paige

Louis O. Rieutord

For the Town

For the Fund

Librarian

Ella E. Miersch

Assistants

Mabel W. Plimpton

Ruth Beecher

Janitor

Fred Gelineau

Library Hours

Week Days, except Jan. 1, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas: —10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5.30, to 6.30 to 9 p. m.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Library has had a busy and prosperous year, its first complete year in the new building. 47,864 Volumes were issued for home use. Of these books 21,073 volumes were adult fiction, 15,161 volumes were children's books, 3,082 volumes were in foreign languages, and 6,548 volumes were non-fiction.

During the year 646 volumes were added and 200 volumes worn out, making the number of books now in the library 22,116. 172 Volumes have been rebound; 82 volumes of periodicals have been bound and added to the library.

737 Names have been added to the registration list, making the number of names registered 3,493.

A "library" of about 50 books in Greek was loaned to us by the Mass. Library Commission. We still have the "Italian Library" which the Commission loaned to us last year and we hope soon to have the loan of a Polish and a Swedish library. There have been frequent requests for books both in Polish and Swedish. These books in foreign languages seem to be so much appreciated that it is a pity our funds will not permit us to buy books in all of these languages. The children should of course read English, but many older people find it impossible to enjoy books in any language but their own.

A bulletin of "New Books Added" has been printed; printed lists of "Books for Christmas", for the children and "Books Boys Like Best" have been given away.

The fine for overdue books has been reduced to one cent a day in the children's room.

There have been the usual exhibitions of pictures, the usual gifts of books and flowers from generous friends, a Christmas tree, notices of books kindly printed each week by the newspapers.

ELLA E. MIERSCH,

Librarian.

Accessions

Bound volumes in library Jan. 1, 1916		21,670
Added by purchase,	476	
Added by gifts,	37	
Added by binding periodicals,	82	
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		22,265
Wornout books,	200	
Replaced,	134	
		66
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		22,199

Registration of Readers

Names registered to January 1, 1916,	2,756
Names registered from Jan. 1, 1916	
to Jan. 1. 1917,	737
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	3,493

Circulation

Days library was open,	310
Volumes circulated,	47,864
Average daily use,	155
Smallest daily use Jan. 1,	66
Largest daily use, March 18,	350
Smallest monthly use, September,	3,603
Largest monthly use, March,	4,980
Amount received from fines,	\$179 50

Gifts to the Library

	Volumes
American Jewish Committee,	1
American Optical Co.,	1
Ruth Beecher,	1
Butler Bros.,	1
A. L. Cady,	1
John Demarco,	1
Eddy Town Fund,	8
National Cannery Association,	1
Remington Typewriter Co.,	2
Mrs. Poeton,	1
Toyokichi Iyenaga,	1
Edwin P. Wells,	2

Financial Statement

Receipts

Town appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Mynott fund interest,	38 19	
		\$5,038 19

Expenditures

Salaries,	\$2,481 48	
Light,	257 74	
Coal,	510 61	
Books,	765 54	
Binding,	136 36	
Equipment,	274 21	
Repairs,	80 97	
Supplies,	86 77	
Printing,	43 00	
Expenses,	139 59	
Periodicals,	223 70	
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		\$38 22

Accession and Circulation

	Volumes added in 1916	Volumes now in Library	Volumes Circu- lated in 1915	Volumes Circu- lated in 1916	Per Cent. Cir- culated in 1916
Fiction.....	119	3,499	21,514	21,073	44.03
Children, Fiction.....	28	1,319	10,781	11,117	23.22
Children, Non-Fiction.....	28	902	4,058	4,044	8.45
Philosophy.....	10	325	166 ^s	176	.37
Religion.....	5	638	90	58	.12
Sociology.....	38	782	547	414	.87
Language.....	6	105	114	189	.40
Science.....	11	685	483	413	.93
Useful Arts.....	56	769	1,134	1,155	2.41
Fine Arts.....	28	529	706	719	1.57
Literature	28	1,957	887	962	2.01
Travel.....	43	1,454	928	910	1.90
History.....	43	1,595	701	867	1.81
Biography.....	24	1,839	441	518	1.08
Bound Periodicals.....	82	2,643	258	295	.62
Law Reports of Mass.....	2	335			
Mass. Public Documents	1	135	2	7	.01
U. S. Public Documents.....	2	349			
French Books	23	763	3,287	3,082	6.43
Current Periodicals.....			1,667	1,790	3.74
Reference Books.....	20	625	17	20	.03
Amidown Collection.....	2	875			
Museum.....		76			

Circulation by Months for the Past Ten Years.

	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916
January.....	3155	3543	3594	3775		3641	3711	4055	4182	4289
February.....	2739	2824	3431	3447	3726	3663	3747	3890	4137	4456
March.....	3001	3256	3980	3460	3959	4009	4074	4502	4345	4980
April.....	2514	2963	3172	3119	3330	3209	3496	3847	3614	4293
May.....	2216	2704	2908	2801	2854	2975	3284	3492	3481	3851
June.....	2186	2725	2654	2774	2756	2828	3101	3698	4167	3628
July.....	2258	2894	3163	3016	2770	3423	3296	3646	4146	3682
August.....	2343	2877	2925	3244	2972	3558	3190	3834	4005	3653
September....	1982	2613	2863	2722	2653	2674	2873	3247	3607	3603
October....	2236	3033	3223	3018	2814	2628	3363	3957	3931	3590
November....	2835	3218	3179	3154	3198	3278	3673	3918	4137	3991
December....	2697	3535	3128	3268	3335	3085	3679	3754	4036	3848
Total	30,216	36,185	38,220	37,798	34,367	38,971	41,487	45,840	47,788	47,864

Annual Report of the SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Southbridge.

We respectfully submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1916, and recommend that the town appropriate for the ensuing year the sum of \$400.00.

The funds are deposited in the following banks:

Amherst Savings Bank,	\$902 83
Fitchburg Savings Bank,	823 66
Leominster Savings Bank,	1,148 66
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	932 44
Southbridge Savings Bank,	2,006 39
Ware Savings Bank,	795 90
Webster Five Cents Savings Bank,	685 84
Worcester County Institution for Savings,	706 56
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	828 02
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank,	764 76
Worcester People's Savings Bank,	1,008 88
Natick Five Cents Savings Bank,	665 84
Leicester Savings Bank,	803 58

Clinton Savings Bank,	970 10
Dedham Institution for Savings,	780 30
Suffolk Savings Bank,	645 60
City of Augusta Water Bonds,	16,000 00
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	\$30,469 36

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD E. LECLAIR,
F. E. CHICOINE,
LOUIS G. DUPUIS,
Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Annual Report

of the

TOWN CLERK

Vital Statistics for the year ending December 31, 1916

Number of marriages,	162
Number of deaths,	199
Number of births,	431

Number of dogs licensed in 1916.

Males,	298
Females,	26
Breeders,	None

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. BUCKLEY,
Town Clerk.

Annual Report

of the

FIRE ENGINEERS

The board of fire engineers respectfully submits the following as its report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916. It contains the number of fires we were called to; the roster of the entire equipment owned by the department; value and loss of property endangered when alarms were given (still alarms not included) together with other data. The town accountant's report will show for us a balance of \$1.50.

There were 109 still alarms and 23 boxes rung, one a false alarm, total 132,

The value of property at risk when alarms were given; buildings \$57,325.00; contents \$24,204.00; total \$81,529.00. Loss on property; buildings \$26,464.00 contents \$11,324.00; total \$37,788.00. Insurance on property; buildings \$42,500.00; contents \$19,100.00; total \$61,600.00. Insurance paid on property; buildings \$22,284.00; contents \$9,754.00; total \$32,038.00. Insurance in excess of loss \$23,812.00; loss in excess of insurance \$5,750.00.

Roll Call of Department

Joseph E. Duchesneau, Chief Engineer

Louis Lamothe,	District Chief
George W. Laughnane,	District Chief
Willard J. Claflin,	District Chief
John J. Hogan,	District Chief and Clerk

Permanent Men

Napoleon Garceau	George A. Larochelle
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Steamer Co. No. 1

Joseph A. Brouillette,	Captain
Isidore Duchesneau,	Lieutenant
Frank J. Greenwood,	Engineer on Steamer
Clement J. Potvin,	Asst. Engineer and Clerk of Co.
Alfred Langevin,	Stoker

Hosemen

Michael Maloney	Adelard Delage
Hormidas Duplissis	Michael Birmingham
Joseph Morin	Arthur Durocher
Henry Desaulniers	Joseph Ford
Henry Lavoie	George Lamothe

Substitutes

Emery Duchesneau, 1st. George A. Wright, 2nd.

Hook and Ladder No. 1

Joseph Lucier,	Captain
John B. Casavant,	Lieutenant
Leandre Couture,	Clerk
Alfred Boucher	Origene Lacasse
Oliver Paul	John B. Lippee
Philias Dufault	Henry Lusignan
Felix Lavallee	Wilbrod Paul, 1st. sub.

Steamer No. 2

James Pollard,	Captain
Edward Splaine,	Lieutenant
Edmond Vilandre,	Engineer
Alfred Gaumond,	Assistant Engineer
William Walters,	Stoker

Hosemen

James Murphy,	Clerk
Hector Collette	Adelard Dumas
Paul Potvin	Joseph Proulx
Peter Dufault	James Riley
John Mallison	Richard Morrissey
Nelson Allard	Paul Grenier, 1st. sub.

Hook and Ladder No. 2

Hosea Weld,	Captain
Frank J. Walsh,	Lieutenant
Patrick May,	Clerk and Treasurer
Calixte Boucher	Edward McGrath
Charles Riley	George W. Lavallee
Napoleon Loranger	Louis E. Farland
Adelard Laporte	Alex McDonald 1st. sub.
Paul Breen, 2nd. sub.	
Joseph Lariviere,	Steward No. 2 Engine House

Equipment owned by Department

2 Horse drawn steamers, 2 horse drawn hook and ladder trucks, 1 automobile combination chemical and hose wagon, 1 automobile hook and ladder truck, 1 horse drawn combination chemical and hose wagon, 1

automobile supply wagon, 2 hand hose reels, 1 racing cart, 5,300 ft. of hose, 16 nozzles, 5 six-gallon chemical tanks, and 4 three-gallon chemical tanks, all in service and in good condition except the two steamers.

Alarms

Jan. 16—Box 46, alarm at 8.20 p. m., recall at 9 p. m. Fire in the dwelling owned by A. O. Co., North street, cause, over heated stove, damage \$275.00, insured.

Feb. 20—Box 38, General alarm at 2.00 a. m., recall at 6.00 a. m. Fire in the dwelling owned by Joseph Serleto, Elm street, cause, unknown, damage \$2,806, insured.

Feb. 21—Box 25, alarm at 10.30 a. m., recall at 10.35 a. m. Fire in the dwelling owned by John B. Perreault, Hamilton street, cause, break in gas pipe, no damage.

Feb. 24—Box 24, general alarm at 6.10 p. m., recall at 9 p. m. Fire in dwelling owned by Felix Hevy Main street, cause unknown, damage \$4,000, insured.

April 4—Box 23, alarm at 2.15 p. m., brush fire.

April 7—Box 46, alarm at 10.30 a. m., chimney fire.

May 8—Box 41, alarm at 5.00 a. m., recall at 5.30 a. m. Fire in the store owned by Gregor Thomas, Main street, cause, unknown, damage \$1,336, insured.

May 25—Box 28, alarm at 10.05 a. m., recall at

10.30 a. m. Fire in dwelling owned by James K. Egan, 37 High street, cause, defective chimney, damage \$665, insured.

July 13—Box 47, alarm at 10.20 p. m. recall at 12.45 a. m. Fire in Airdome owned by Morris Green, Mechanic street, cause, unknown, damage \$9,000.00, insured.

July 18—Box 24, alarm at 9.40 a. m., recall at 10.30 a. m. Fire in the dwelling owned by Julius Dompson, Sturbridge, cause, over heated stove, total loss, \$2,000, not insured.

July 18—Box 42, alarm at 3.40 p. m., recall at 5.00 p. m. Fire in bakery owned by Eustachus Barbirrie, Golf street, cause, defective oven, damage \$2,700, insured,

Aug. 18—Box 53, alarm at 2.00 p. m., recall at 2.15 p. m. Fire in the dwelling owned by John Konstandine, Morris street, cause, lighted cigarette, damage \$25, insured.

Sept. 18—Box 72, alarm at 9.30 p. m., recall at 9.45 p. m. Fire in the power room at A. O. Co. plant, East Main street, cause, unknown, damage none.

Oct. 3—Box 34, alarm at 4.30 p.m., recall at 6.30 p. m. Fire in the dwelling owned by E. H. Brousseau, Brick Yard Road, cause, defective wiring, damage \$1,050.

Oct. 6—Box 27, false alarm.

Oct. 20—Box 38, alarm at 2.30 a. m., recall at

3.30 a. m. Fire in dwelling owned by Joseph Proulx, Hartwell street, cause, defective wiring, damage \$2,175, insured.

Oct. 27—Box 24, alarm at 4.30 a. m., recall at 5.00 a. m. Fire in the dwelling owned by Hamilton Woolen Co., West Main street, cause, over heated stove, damage none.

Nov. 7—Box 42, alarm at 12.23 a. m., recall at 12.10 p. m. Fire in the store owned by Theophile Buroski, Fort Sumpter, cause unknown, damage \$3,000, insured.

Nov. 11—Box 38, alarm at 2.20 a. m., recall at 2.40 a. m. Fire in the wood shed owned by Edward Desrosiers, Hartwell street, cause, hot cinders, damage \$100.00.

Nov. 22—Box 47, alarm at 3 a. m., recall at 6 a. m. Fire in the bakery owned by Anastos Bros., Worcester street, cause, defective oven, damage, \$1,700.00, insured.

Nov. 27—Box 52, alarm at 6.30 p. m., recall at 7.10 p. m. Fire in dwelling owned by Martin Kavosky, Morris street, cause, unknown, damage, \$1,000.00, insured.

Dec. 18—Box 34, alarm at 1.30 p. m., recall at 2.30 p. m. Fire in business block owned by Barnes estate, Main street, cause, defective chimney, damage, \$1,254.00, insured.

Dec. 22—Box 32, alarm at 8.35 a. m. recall at

8.50 a. m., Fire in business block owned by John J. Delehanty, Hamilton street, cause, defective chimney, damage \$200.00, insured.

In submitting our report for the past year we earnestly recommend the purchase of an auto triple construction, chemical, hose and pumping machine. The committee to whom the matter was referred last year also voted to recommend purchasing a pumping machine because, on investigating, they found No. 1 steamer entirely unfit for use and No. 2 steamer not in condition to do very heavy work; and they do not think it worth while expending a large amount for repairs on those old steamers. With the department having a machine of the above type our efficiency will be greatly increased and the people of the town, we are sure, will be entitled to minimum rates for insurance. We ask for \$11,700.00 for the maintenance of the department, two hundred dollars of this to be added to the chief's salary, making \$500.00 a year. This we feel is little enough in view of the fact that his duties are more laborious now than they were in the past.

We again call the attention of the people of the town to the number of still alarms and say they ought to use better judgement in regard to them, to anyone but firemen some of the calls were jokes.

We wish also to state that the owners of houses and business blocks must see that their chimneys are cleaned or else this department will have to attend to

it; and we do not think it would be the cheapest way for property owners to have this work done.

In conclusion we wish to thank the people of the town for their co-operation; the owners and drivers of horses; and the firemen for their obedience and good work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. DUCHESNEAU, Chief

LOUIS LAMOTHE

GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE

WILLARD J. CLAFLIN

JOHN J. HOGAN, Clerk

Annual Report **of the** **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Southbridge.
Gentlemen:

In compliance with the town ordinance, I herewith submit for your consideration the sixth annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1916. The organization of the Police Department at the close of the fiscal year was as follows;

Chief

Napoleon Giroux

Patrolmen

Pierre A. Cormier

Oliver Paul, Jr.

Daniel Blute

Ulric Brault

Joseph Paquin

Honorée St. Martin

Alpherie Duplesis

Patrick Donnelly

Desk Officer

Andrew M. Higgins

Janitor and Lock-up Keeper

Joseph D. Proulx

Constables

Andrew M. Higgins

Marcus L. Dillaber

Pierre Caplette

Patrick Donnelly

Business of the Police Department

Business performed by the Department during the year expiring December 31, 1916, total number of arrests, 303; arrests on warrants, 36; 276 without warrants; males, 258; females, 15; minors, 30; non-resident, 77; residents, 226.

Offences

Assault, 26; bastardy, 2; break and entry, 21; disorderly house, 1; affray, 4; keeping a gambling house, 2; stealing, 2; larceny, 20; reckless driving, 3; carrying dangerous weapons, 2; illegal liquor selling, 2; disturbing the peace, 19; profane language on street, 3; non-support, 6; neglect, 1; operating auto under 16 years of age, 1; trespassing, 1; making threats, 1; assault upon an officer, 2; vagrants, 5; receiving stolen goods, 1; overdriving a horse, 1; stubborn child, 1; delinquent child, 2; manslaughter, 1; intimation, 1; lascivious cohabitation, 4; observation, 1; insane, 2; held for other cities and towns, 10; delirium tremens, 4.

Occupations

Carpenter, 1; clerk, 3; chef, 2; clergyman, 1; chauffeur, 4; farmers, 14; firemen, 2; harness makers, 2; house work, 8; mason, 4; mill hands, 6; manager, 1; engineers, 2; painters, 6; tailors, 2; teamsters, 2; tin smith, 1; slater roofers, 3; strikers, 4; spinners, 2; schoolboys, 5; weavers, 18; wiremen, 1; hostlers, 2; piper, 1; liquor dealer, 1; no occupation, 24; retired, 1; laborers, 182.

Disposition of Cases

Discharged, 14; held for grand jury, 6; house of correction, 15; fined, 62; released, 117; state farm, 4; suspended sentences, 17; nol. pros, 3; probation, 27; Mass. reformatory, 3; on file, 10; Shirley, 2; returned to Westboro school, 3; returned to state farm, 3; ordered to leave district, 5; insane, 2; Shirley suspended, 1; year under bonds to keep the peace, 3; appeals, 7

Number of lights put out during the year, 230; number of doors found unlocked, 53; value of property reported lost, \$900.00; recovered, \$610.00; number of accidents reported during the year, 43; drowned, 3; dead bodies found in woods, 2.

Complaints During the Year

There were 3,420, each complaint has been investigated immediately and satisfaction given to complainants as well as to the defendants.

In General

I would be lax in my duty as the head of the department if I did not urge upon the proper authorities the immediate need of a new Police Station. The Police Station has been condemned for 19 years and the conditions are more than ever needy. Repeatedly I have called attention in past reports to the voters, stating the fact that the State Board of Health has condemned the present Police Station as unfit to be used for the confinement of human beings; it cannot be heated properly, and it cannot be cleaned properly; it is impossible for me to set forth the inadequacy of the Police Station as

to its unfitness; and I would respectfully recommend that the Honorable Board of Selectmen visit the station house and observe for themselves its shortenings and disadvantages.

In conclusion I wish to convey my thanks for kind assistance and hearty co-operation to your Honorable Board, the town officials, and in this I am expressing the thanks of the police department as a whole, as well as my own. It has been a great pleasure to have you keep in such close touch with the department and its work for the past year.

Respectfully submitted

NAPOLEON GIROUX

Chief of Police

Southbridge, Mass., Dec. 31, 1916

Annual Report

of the

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge.
Gentlemen:

The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit the following report of their department for the year ending December 31, 1916, together with their recommendations of appropriations for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Payant, warden and matron for the past year have been engaged to manage the almshouse for the coming year.

CLOTHING FOR THE POOR.

The overseers again offer their sincere thanks to those who have contributed clothing for the poor. Although the Town as well as the State help liberally to support the poor people; their allowances are still very much below what is necessary to maintain them and in many cases the clothing given was the only apparel available to keep them clothed, it was received with gratitude by the mothers who made their little ones comfortable.

We solicit a continuance of these contributions of clothing, shoes, etc. for the poor, who are very needy,

and who are very thankful to those who have helped them so that they were able to clothe themselves and their children decently and thereby enable the latter to attend school regularly.

When you have anything to give to the poor simply drop a postal card to the Overseers and they will call and collect it.

FARM AND ALMSHOUSE

The whole number of inmates during the year was twenty-six (26) with an average of twenty-two (22).

The net cost of maintenance per inmate was three dollars and sixty-eight cents.

For the ensuing year we recommend an appropriation of \$4,300.00.

For financial report we refer you to the Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE MATTE

G. PINSONNEAULT, Jr.

NARCISSE PELOQUIN

Overseers of the Poor

INVENTORY OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE DEC. 1, 1916

Class 1,	Horses, cattle, pigs,	
	fowls,	\$2,115 25
Class 2,	Hay, ensilage and grain,	809 00

Class 3, Wood and coal,	324 90	
Class 4, Vegetables,	202 50	
Class 5, Flour, etc.	68 50	
Class 8, Preserves and salt pork,	91 50	
Class 9, Groceries,	50 50	
Cotton goods,	25 20	
Furniture,	663 30	
Crockery,	162 55	
Farming supplies,	138 04	
Agricultural tools,	1,559 56	
Total	————	\$5,210 90

ARTHUR HOWARD

ARSENE GIRARD

JOHN HALPIN

Appraisers

Annual Report of the CEMETERY COMMITTEE

We submit the report of the superintendent as a part of our own and recommend that the town appropriate for the ensuing year, the sum of \$800.00.

MORRIS H. MARCY
MICHAEL D. MORRILL
CLARENCE F. MORSE
ADOLPH PELOQUIN
WARDWELL M. EDWARDS
JOHN E. SEAGRAVE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Cemetery funds invested in savings banks, \$21,075 58

Cemetery Funds

Receipts

Sale of lots,	\$180 00	
Perpetual care,	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$530 00

Cemetery Improvements**Credits**

Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Interest,	853 92	
Fixing lots,	18 00	
	—————	\$1,371 92

Expenditures

Orders drawn,	\$1,299 23	
Balance,	72 69	
	—————	\$1,371 92

Respectfully submitted,

L. WESLEY CURTIS

Superintendent

Annual Report

of the

TAX COLLECTOR

1916 Taxes

Assessors' warrant,	\$195,593 76	
Excise tax,	1,549 38	
December warrant,	385 54	
	<hr/>	\$197,528 68
Collected to Dec.		
31, 1916,	\$172,203 40	
Collected to Feb.		
1, 1917,	5,729 58	
	<hr/>	\$177,932 98
Excise tax collected,	\$1,549 38	
Abatements,	244 28	
	<hr/>	\$179,726 64
Balance uncollected Feb. 1, 1917,		17,802 04

1915 Taxes

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1916,		29,490 63
Collected to Dec. 31.		
1916,	\$24,115 58	
Abatements,	617 55	
	<hr/>	\$24,733 13

Collected to Feb. 1, 1917,	151 87	
	<u> </u>	24,885 00
Balance uncollected Feb. 1, 1917,		4,605 63

1914 Taxes

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1916,		\$4,067 02
Collected to Dec. 31,		
1916,	\$2,389 53	
Abatements,	1,598 15	
	<u> </u>	\$3,987 68
Collected to Feb. 1, 1917,	8 20	
	<u> </u>	3,995 88
Balance uncollected Feb. 1. 1917,		71 14

1913 Taxes

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1916,		57 00
Collected,		57 00
1913 taxes closed.		
Total interest collected in 1916,		853 92

Sidewalk Assessments

Balance uncollected Jan. 1,		
1916,	\$3,760 59	
Committed in 1916,	472 00	
	<u> </u>	\$4,232 59
Collected to Dec. 31, 1916,	2,626 59	
Abated,	164 48	
	<u> </u>	2,791 07
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1916,		1,441 52

Street Oiling Assessments

Assessors warrant Dec. 30,	\$2,500 00
Collected to Feb. 1. 1917,	450 49
Balance uncollected Feb. 1, 1917,	2,049 51

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. GABREE,

Collector of Taxes.

Annual Report

of the

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Last summer closed the sixth season of supervised playground work.

It is the purpose of this department to make the playground a source of physical, moral and mental benefit to the children by providing recreation in the open air. The playgrounds perform the function of a sanatorium and in a large measure obviate the necessity for hospitals.

By instilling into the child the principles of fair play, honesty, self-control and mutual responsibility the playground teaches the elements of citizenship. It gives instructions in industrial work and thus becomes a specialized school without its restrictions on individual enterprise.

The achievement of the playground department cannot be measured by rule of thumb. Children may be counted and the number of track and field games statistically compiled, but the effect of recreation centers on character, though known to be considerable, cannot be measured with mathematical accuracy.

The work of the department, so far as it can be shown by tabulation of figures will be found in the Supervisor's Report.

During the summer the Hamilton Woolen Co. placed at the disposal of the Committee land at the Big Pond upon which to erect Bath Houses, and as a small appropriation sufficient to start the plan in operation was made, two houses were erected. With an additional appropriation for the coming season the Committee feels that this good work can be carried out to the extent it ought. The public has shown much interest in the project.

Respectfully submitted,

FERDINAND A. WALD,

Secretary.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Playground Committee.
Gentlemen:

The sixth season of supervised play opened July 10, one week later than usual, because of the Centennial Celebration in which the playground children, to the number of 500 took an active part, presenting on Children's Day, July 3, The Pageant of the Year.

Development and Number of Play Centers

The development of the Southbridge playground movement during the past six years has followed the law of demand. The first supervised play center was

established at Central St. in 1911. The following season 1912, at the request of parents residing in the western section of the town, the School St. school yard was equipped and opened for play purposes.

A close survey of the town proved that the younger children in the center were not attending playgrounds and were therefore deprived of opportunities for purposeful play, consequently the opening of a children's corner on the Union St. property in 1913.

In 1914 there were three playgrounds. At the close of the 1914 season, parents of children residing across the river and in the southern section of the town requested that play facilities be provided for the young children in these sections, to obviate danger from traffic and long walks when attending the other playgrounds. This resulted in opening River St. school yard and Elm St. school yard for play purposes in 1915.

The Sandersdale play corner was made possible in 1916 through the co-operation of the Southbridge Printing Co. represented by Mr. R. A. Rice and the Playground Committee. Southbridge now has six playcenters, two large playgrounds and four children's corners.

Equipment

The two large playgrounds are equipped with swings, teeters, sand boxes, slides, gymnastic apparatus, benches, tables, and phonographs. The children's corners have swings, teeters, and sand boxes.

Supervision

There was one supervisor, twenty-one instructors and two substitutes. Of these, six were directors of centers, four were special directors of athletics, basket-ry, sewing, and physical development.

The instructors were placed as follows; Central Street, one director and four assistants; School Street one director and four assistants; Union Street, one director and one assistant; River Street, one director and assistant; Sandersdale, one director. Visitors and parents have complimented the directors of the grounds on the excellent care taken of the children.

The largest number of children attending the playgrounds on any one day was 898. The largest number attending on any one day at Central Street was 435; School Street, 230; Union Street, 75; River Street, 90; Elm Street, 73; Sandersdale, 23; The keenest competitor the playground ever had was the circus which remained in town one week.

Games and Athletics for Girls and Boys

Competitive games were taught boys and girls, teams were formed and the teams from different grounds met in friendly competition. Singing games, active games, quiet games, were taught, also instruction given in folk dancing.

Athletic contests and track events were held at each ground one afternoon a week with joint meeting closing week. Base ball nines for juniors and seniors were formed, the seniors playing Monday and Wednes-

day afternoon, the juniors Tuesday and Thursday, games called at 3 o'clock. The instructors note increasing interest in this department. The Athletic badge test for girls and boys was given, the boys having had more opportunities in the past to develop along this line made an excellent showing. The test for the girls made evident the fact that such training is necessary for them.

A kite tournament was held, many novel and unique kites were made by the boys.

Industrial

Industrial work, including wood work, weaving, sewing, basketry, bead work, tatting, crocheting, embroidery, had its regular time in each day's plan. Over five hundred articles were completed.

Remarks, Quotations from Play Congress

"The thing that most needs to be understood about play is that, it is not a luxury but a necessity. It is not simply something that a child likes to have; it is something that the child must have if it is ever to develop. It is more than an essential part of the child's education, it is an essential part of the law of the child's growth, the process by which children reach a fuller maturity.

Many people who have realized the importance of children's play think that it requires no special provision for the reason that it is instinctive. They assume that the satisfaction of so universal an instinct is inevitable. But it is not inevitable. Eating is an instinct

universal among healthy people, but there is such a thing as starvation, the impulse is inevitable, but if there be no provision starvation ensues, or there may be not food but poison.

The playgrounds for children of school age should without doubt be near the school, as the schools are usually placed to accommodate different localities. The spacing of the schools, therefore is the guide for spacing of playgrounds. To best serve the city or town the playground must serve its community or neighborhood. A playground is a neighborhood utility, it draws only on its immediate surroundings for users, it should be in the midst of a populous district and not where half the land in its vicinity has no permanent inhabitants.

Attention is called to recommendations on separate list.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET G. BUTLER,
Supervisor.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1917.

General Government

Moderator.....	\$ 60 00	Assessors.....	\$3,500 00
Selectmen.....	2,000 00	Law.....	610 31
Accountant.....	1,100 00	Town Clerk	550 00
Treasurer.....	1,300 00	Election and Registration..	1,700 00
Tax Collector.....	1,200 00	Town Hall.....	2,500 00

Protection to Persons and Property

Police Department.....	12,300 00	Sealer of Weights and	
Fire Department	11,687 00	Measures.....	750 00
Tree Warden.....	300 00	Forest Fires.....	1,000 00
Moth Extermination	200 00		

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health.....	5,500 00	Main and Hamilton Street	
Sewer Maintenance	1,200 00	Cleaning.....	1 400 00
General Cleaning	1,000 00		

Highways

Highway.....	10,000 00	Street Lights	14,000 00
Bridges.....	2,500 00	Maintenance of Perma-	
Sidewalk Repairs.....	3,000 00	nent Roads.....	2,000 00
Plimpton St. Extension.....	100 00	Street Oiling.....	4,000 00
Railing.....	400 00		

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits

Outside Relief.....	9,000 00	Military Aid	400 00
Almshouse.....	4,300 00	Soldiers' Relief	1,800 00
Mothers' Aid	5,000 00	Soldiers' Burials	100 00
State Aid.....	1,200 00		

Education

Schools.....	46,000 00	Jacob Edwards Public	
		Library	5,000 00

Recreation

Playgrounds.....	2,500 00
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Celebration

Public Band Concerts.....	250 00
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Unclassified

Damages to Persons and		Care of Town Clock.....	40 00
Personal Property.....	500 00	Annual Reports.....	500 00
Insurance	2,400 00	Water and Ice Supply.....	5,200 00
Memorial Day and Care		Cemetery Improvement.....	800 00
of Graves.....	300 00	Interest.....	14,500 00
Searching Parties.....	300 00	Maturing Debt.....	34,697 80

Total, \$220,645 11

TOWN WARRANT

MARCH 5, 1917

WORCESTER, Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1917, at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles: The polls will open at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 4.00 o'clock the afternoon.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To choose by ballot all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; viz: Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, one Assessor for three years, one member of Board of Health for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, two Cemetery Commissioners for three years,

Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Constables and all others provided for by law.

Article 3. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Town Accountant, Treasurer, Clerk, Selectmen, Library Committee, etc., and to act thereon.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges for the current financial year or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cause an audit to be made of the town's accounts for 1917, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to pay the Enginemen, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to give the Tax Collector the same power to collect taxes that the Town Treasurer has when appointed collector, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers, laborers and teams, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to pay the Assessors an annual salary of Twenty-one Hundred Dollars (\$2,100) for three Assessors, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to pay the uniformed patrolmen \$3.00 per day, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to pay the Collector of Taxes an annual salary of \$1,000.00, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to pay the Chief of the Fire Department an annual salary of \$500.00, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to pay the Sewer Commissioners an annual salary of \$450.00, for three commissioners, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize the appointment of a Town Almoner, fix the salary, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to install three (3) street lights on Dresser Street, between the residence of Mr. Bruno St. Onge and Marcy Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to install two (2) street lights on Maple Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to install four (4) street lights on Litchfield Avenue, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to macadamize Charlton Street, from Mechanic Street to the Cemetery, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to pave or macadamize Mechanic Street, from the bridge northerly to the junction of Mechanic and Worcester Streets, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to continue the macadam road on the North Woodstock Road, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to continue the repair of the Eastford Road, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to continue the macadam road on East Main Street, or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to continue the macadam road on South Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to purchase a Motor Fire Pump, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to pay to Mrs. Ellen J. Bartholomew the sum of \$125.05 in order to re-imburse her for the taxes of 1915 assessed on the property on Marcy and Dresser Streets purchased from her by the town to be used for school and playground purposes, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense of putting in a new girder rail on line of The Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company, on Hamilton Street from Main Street to Pine Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk on the southerly side of Hartwell Street from the junction of Hartwell Street and Eastford Road westerly to land of Octavie Langevin, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk on the southerly side of Henry Street, from Worcester Street, westerly about 462 feet, said walk to be five (5) feet wide, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk on both sides of

Maple Street, from Main Street to the end of the street, as per plan submitted by the Southbridge Development Company, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to re-grade and re-build the sidewalk on the southerly side of Main Street, from the Southbridge Savings Bank Building to Everett Street, as shown on plan submitted to the United States Government, by Thomas McGovern, Civil Engineer. raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to build a gravel, crushed stone or cinder sidewalk, said sidewalk to be five (5) feet wide, on Gulf Road, Fairlawn Avenue, Harrington and Jerome Streets, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to improve Marcy Street for a distance of about 400 feet southerly from Dresser Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to transfer the sum of \$3,235.68 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to to the Police Department Account, to balance the overdraft of that account, caused by the expenses incurred at the time of the strike in November 1916, or act anything thereon.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to transfer the sum of \$62.48

the balance in the Mechanic Street Sidewalk Account of 1914; the sum of \$12.58 the balance in the Mechanic Street Sidewalk Account of 1915; and the sum of \$32.73 the balance in the Chapin Street Sidewalk Account of 1915, to the account of other sidewalks to be constructed in the future, or act anything thereon.

Article 37. To see if the town will approve and vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or some other board or committee, to execute on behalf of the town, an indenture with the Southern New England Railroad Corporation, dated July 17, 1916, relative to exchange and transfer of land and rights and relocation of sewer in land formerly of Mary C. Edwards and of the Central Mill Company, taken by the town for a sewer location, a little northerly from the Armory Building.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to grade Pleasant Street its entire width as laid out by the town in the year 1874, from Walcott Street to the estate of Catherine Moriarty on said street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 39. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Southbridge Water Supply Company in relation to extending their pipes to Sandersdale.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to install street lights on the North Woodstock Road from the present light to the State Line, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way, of a certain way leading from Chestnut Street to Morris Street, over land of Herman S. Cheney, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen as to the laying out as a public way, of a certain way leading from Coombs Street to Chestnut Street, over land of Herman S. Cheney and others, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 43. To see if the town will vote to accept, as made by the Selectmen, the laying out as a public way of a certain way leading from Mechanic Street, easterly, over land of Morris Green, known as Rose Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to accept, as made by the Selectmen, the laying out as a public way of a certain way leading from Rose Street, so-called, northerly to Liberty Street, so-called, over land of Morris Green, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the South-bridge Press and Herald, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting,—before the day of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place herein before named.

Given under our hands this 12th day of February, A. D., 1917.

WILFRID J. LAMOUREUX,
ALEXANDRE L. DESAULNIERS,
ALEXIS BOYER, Jr.,

Selectmen of Southbridge.

ANDREW M. HIGGINS,
Constable of Southbridge.

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